

FROM THE DOCKMASTER

The 2010 boating season is about to begin. As of March 10, 2010 most boaters who rented slips last year had submitted a slip application. We have received one new application from a community member bringing the total number of member applications to 72. CBPOA also received four new sponsored applications.

At present, there are several vacant slips available. A few applicants requested a slip change from last year and their request will be honored if possible. This year the number of applications received are somewhat less than last year at this time although the bulk of applications were received by February 15. Due to our priority assignment system, applicants with missing data were notified of their missing data and received a lower priority because of later completion of their application.

In previous boating seasons, some boaters gave up their slips and expected to receive the same slip for the next season. We cannot guarantee the requested slip if another boater has rented that slip. The new boater has the right to renew that slip if the application is received before February 15. If a boater skips a season at the marina, they are considered as a new applicant.

This past boating season, it has been observed by several boaters that a few slips had been unoccupied. If you do not plan to utilize the slip let some other boater request the slip.

As many of you probably know, our channel cut has shoaled where many boats will have difficulty to navigate into Gardiners bay or visa/versa. Our president, George Lombardi is diligently trying to get a permit from the NY DEC to dredge. While the board does not know when approval will take place, the marina will be open for use after April 15 2010. Those that launch their boat on or after that day will do so at their own risk. .

This season, CBPOA again invoked the insurance requirements for boaters who desired a slip at our marina. Marine liability insurance coverage for each boat at the marina is required. We require an indication of this with a Certificate of Insurance (COI) indicating this coverage. An indication of Clearwater Beach Property Owners Association as an interested party must also be included in the COI. In addition, boats 25 ft or longer or boats less than 25 ft, which have permanent installed fuel tanks, must have spillage coverage designated in the COI. The COI is a one page "ACCORD" document outlining the insurance coverage including spillage, if required, and CBPOA as **interested party**. Your insurance agent should be familiar with this document. Remember, a copy of the boat registration is also required before a slip assignment will be provided. Most boaters had no problem meeting the CBPOA requirements and honored our request to only send the COI form instead of their entire boat or home owner's policy.

Our policy of notifying boat owners if their boat is in danger of sinking will be in place. If the boat owner does not respond, we will contact a marine service to pump out the boat at a cost to the boat owner. CBPOA will pay the marine service for the pump out and in turn will bill the boater. Failure to pay this bill will result in a denial of a slip in the future. The pump out fee will be set by the marine service. To avoid any pump out cost, the boat owner should periodically check the floating condition of their boat particularly after a rain storm. Please call the Dock Master (324-5364) or Assistant Dock Master (Bruce Hoek - 324-0810) for boating problems at our marina.

In order to track canoes/kayaks at our rack storage area, the board is again requiring identification in the form of unique marking, name tag/lot number tag with the identification denoted on the application. Already five members of the community have requested a rack for the 2010 season. The owners of canoes/kayaks must remove their small vessel from the rack by Nov. 30, 2010. It is suggested that kayak/canoe users get "Paddle Smart" and take a safe boating course in handling a canoe or kayak.

Our security system will be operational this boating season. Although installed to protect the reservation and marina, the system can be an aid for boaters at the marina. If you have experienced problems at the Reservation, please inform our secretary Mr. Rod Grille, the Assistant Dock Master or myself. This should be done within a few days. Security recordings are discarded after several days and therefore are not available for playback. We ask that all boaters review the Marina Rules and Regulations which they will receive with the slip assignment.

For those that are unaware of our CBPOA web site, boat slip applications can be downloaded in mid December of the prior year. You must make sure to download the application and the emergency data form. You can access the CBPOA web site by logging on to www.cbpoa.net. The marina rules and requirements for boaters are also posted along with other pertinent marina information.

A free Vessel Safety Inspection, performed by a member of the East Hampton Power Squadron, will be available for this 2010 season at our Marina. If you wish to have your boat inspected, please call me at 631 324-5364 to make an appointment for this inspection.

Again, please note that securing last year's boat slip, the deadline for filing a application is February 15. The applications are sent out in early December of the prior year and you are not assigned a priority number until all the requested information has been completed. This procedure is important to the boaters in our marina since we have only 119 boat slips and 900 hundred family members. **All boats must be remove from the marina by Nov. 30, 2010.** Again, it is important to note that this year the marina will be available for usage on April 15. On behalf of the Board of Directors we wish everyone a safe boating season.

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