

# THE SEAPATHER

Newsletter of Seapath Yacht Club, Inc

January 2005

## Commodore's Corner

To Seapath Owners and Renters,

Seapath Marina and Yacht Club has had another good year. The business sector of the operation had a successful year in spite of conditions beyond our control.

The four hurricanes that hit Florida reduced the transient traffic this fall, and the high fuel prices made an impact on the general sales throughout the year. Through November, fuel sales were down 14% in volume and 18% in dollar amount. Transient rentals were down 10% for the year. Even with these reductions, the dockhouse operations are projected to about break even for the year. This is in large part due to the attention paid to conditions and trends by Phil Jarrell to adjust our operations to changing conditions.

The annual board meeting was attended by about 25 members and/or renters, plus the board. There were several comments and inputs from the floor. The board is always happy to have input from the membership. We also allocate the first 30 minutes of each board meeting to member comments.

Later in the afternoon, we had a large spirited group at the social and flotilla. The social committee and staff provided a nice variety of food and snacks for the social. All comments that I became aware of were complimentary. After the social, most went down to the "A" dock to watch the flotilla. There were numerous parties in the boats on

"A" dock. The flotilla participation was down from years past, but the quality remained high.

The general consensus by the board and most members is that Seapath Yacht Club had a GOOD year, thanks to our Manager and Staff and their positive work to keep Seapath the best yacht club in the mid Atlantic.

I want to provide some information regarding the upcoming fuel tank installation by Southern Pump & Tank Company (SPTC) that will start on or about January 10<sup>th</sup>. The parking area along the fence joining Seapath Towers near our motorcycle parking is the location for the new tank. Therefore, it will be necessary for all vehicles to remain in other parking locations. The tank installation should take about a week to dig the hole and place the tank.

Following the tank installation, a trench to install new fuel lines over to the existing tank location will disrupt the parking area and turning circle. All vehicle traffic will have to stop, and foot traffic will have to remain behind the safety barriers.

Southern Pump & Tank Company, our contractor, may also be responsible for the removal of the old tanks for Fuel City (formally Cameron Oil). This would make for a smooth transition of connection of the new piping to the existing facilities.

SP&TC projects the installation will take about four weeks. The project should be complete and approved the first part of February.

The social committee for Seapath is working on a calendar of activities for the upcoming year. These will be posted on our internet site SEAPATHMARINA.COM and included in future mailing.

As a way of controlling cost in future, I would like to increase our data base with everyone's e-mail address and send out new letters online. This will cut printing cost, handling, and postage. Please include your e-mail address when you send in dues or rent.

Any comments and/or suggestions to me will be welcome. You may call me at 910-262-0144 or send me a note at [RHEWETT1@ec.rr.com](mailto:RHEWETT1@ec.rr.com). Happy New Year to all!

Douglas Hewett, Commodore  
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### Member News

First we would like to wish all our members and renters a Happy New Year. Hopefully all of you had just as much fun over the holidays as we did here at the dockhouse. We would like to thank all of you who provided us with Christmas cheer, it is always appreciated.

You may notice a couple of new things for the year. One, like Mr. Hewett said above, is the fuel tank change. We picked this time of year in hopes to have the parking lot ready for summer. Please bear with us to make the fuel tank switch go smoothly. Second would be the look of fresh paint.

Most of you may not notice but that is how we keep the dockhouse looking fresh and clean.

On a side note: the Cigarette disposals are only for Cigarette and Cigar butts. Please do not put any wrappers or plastic bags in these disposals. It is possible if not used properly they will catch fire. We do not want to burn down our marina. Thank you for your cooperation.

Owners and renters, we would like to compile a mass e-mail list. If you have an e-mail address please send it to [seapath@cape-fear.net](mailto:seapath@cape-fear.net). This will allow us to send you reminders of upcoming events and hopefully it won't get lost in the mail.

### New Members

We would like to welcome aboard our newest members. They are:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Slip #</u>
James Cook	A-43
John Nesselroade	B-43

### Employee News

Lynn Perry has a Birthday on February 2nd, which is a Wednesday. Wish him a happy day if you see him during the week.

Chris Brock is in the process of buying his first house. Way to go Chris!

As for the rest of us, we are doing what is necessary to stay warm for the winter.

### Activities for 2005

They are in the works and we will have a list ready at the end of the month.

## **Fishing Tip of the Month**

When fishing for bass on summer nights with bright moon light, remember that dark colored, topwater lures stand out best against the lighter background.

## **Memberships for Sale**

We now have several memberships for sale. Please inquire at the dockhouse for details.

We want to be certain that all available memberships are up to date. If your membership is available for sale please contact the dockhouse, in writing, at PO Box 690, by fax @ (910) 256-4315, or by email at [seapath@cape-fear.net](mailto:seapath@cape-fear.net) . Even if you have already notified us in person, please e-mail us as well so that we can keep everything in print and together. This way we can be sure that nothing gets lost.

## **Parking**

Please make sure you have a Seapath sticker on your car and pick up daily guest passes for your guests. You can pick up guest passes in the dock house.

## **What is requested of you for now:**

- *Call [Phil](#) or [Bill](#) if your Membership is available for sale.*
- *Please contact the Marina with your email address at [seapath@cape-fear.net](mailto:seapath@cape-fear.net) so that we can add you to our new web database and send you newsletters and updates via email.*
- *Buy your history book if you haven't already!*