

WAUKEGAN PORT DISTRICT HARBOR ECHOES AUGUST 2006



TOWN MEETING REGARDING SOUTH MARINA REHABILITATION

You are invited to attend a TOWN meeting regarding the proposed south marina dock rehabilitation. **Saturday, August 19th, 9 am to 11 am at the Waukegan Yacht Club.** Please email your list of questions/comments to us at: wkgport@waukeganport.com by August 11th. Your input is very important to us, **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.**
Waukegan Port District Board and Staff

WEEDS WEEDS WEEDS

Our spraying weed killer in the North Marina has failed to eradicate the Native Northern Milfoil. This is the second year in a row that our application at the permitted rate and time has failed to achieve the desired results. We have again contacted the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for assistance. In the interim, we have launched the weed harvester to make the North Marina passable to boats. This is a slow, labor intensive process that involves transporting the cut weeds to the Airport for disposal. As with any plant, once the weeds are cut, they will grow back even denser than before. The process is also messy, as cuttings float away from the operation and foul boat mechanical intakes as well as smell as they decay. Until we get an approved solution to the Northern Milfoil from the DNR, using the weed harvester is all we can do.

Waukegan Port District

Coast Guard Auxiliary wants you to KNOW!!

The **Life Jacket Loaner Program** was such a success last year, no jackets were lost. But we need you help this year. We have **“7” jackets missing.** Please keep an eye out for the “Yellow and Blue life vests”, or if you have one **PLEASE RETURN IT** so others may borrow when needed.



PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS. Doggie bags are located in the dog walk area west of the HCB and at each pier gate. And your pets must be on at least a 6' leash and under your control at all times. We have once again posted the NO PET signs at the washrooms.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP keeping our Harbor clean.

Anchorage Yacht Club's John Hoskins Double Up in Singlehanded Mac

Anchorage member John Hoskins repeated last Year's performance by finishing first in section in the 2006 Singlehanded Mac. On board his Baltic 37 Cierzo, John sailed up the western shore of Lake Michigan to Racine, then crossed the lake to Little Sable Point and continued inside the Maintou's. John sailed the 330 statute mile course in just under 5 days. Congratulations John.

Anchorage has simplified the sign up process for its “Racing Ala Carte” program. Just go to the Anchorage web site at www.anchorageyachtclub.org And follow the instructions. “Racing Ala Carte” is open to all Waukegan sailors who want to try racing without committing to a whole season, or whose work/family schedules don't permit them to show up every week. The first “ala carte” race is free-after that, it's \$12 per race.

Lack of wind on July 13 resulted in a cancellation of races, but that just gave Anchorage Sailors more time to spend at the after race Patio Party. Ed Dubina's baked beans and Gail Wecker's Italian Beef were hits. The next patio party will be held on Thursday, August 17th. Patio Parties are open to all Anchorage members, racers and their crews.

The 2006 Thursday night “Race for Fun” series, Anchorage's first to include spinnaker and non spinnaker sections, is well underway. Season results will be announced at the Awards Banquet on Friday, October 20th. The banquet will be held at Saddle Ridge at the Ramada, 200 N Green Bay Road, Waukegan, IL.

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For the safety of our boaters, their boats and their families, the Port District has hired a licensed trapper. He has been hired to safely and humanly trap certain wild animals found at our harbor. **Several of these traps have been stolen!! Tampering with these traps is a Federal Offense.** Please report if you witness, have witnessed or have any information on the stolen traps to the office or security. We want these animals safely relocated as a family unit if possible.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary “Five Hot Tips on Staying Safe/ Staying Cool this Summer”

With most of the country gripped in the midst of a heat wave, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary would like to remind boaters and other water lovers that when it's scorching hot, there are some tips they need to follow to stay safe while staying cool:

1. Always wear your life jacket when boating or swimming: **LIFE JACKETS FLOAT-YOU DON'T!** Although it's tempting to “go jacketless”, statistics indicate that the decision to do so can be deadly: Of the total water and boating fatalities, over 80% of the victims were not wearing a life jacket! Moreover, on federal waters, and in many states, children under a certain age **MUST** wear a life jacket while a vessel is underway, or the operator can face a fine.
2. Stay well hydrated and wear sunscreen! Approximately 30 minutes before you leave for your day in the sun, be sure to consume two to three glasses of water, and apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15. Maintain hydration by continuing to drink four to eight ounces every 30 to 60 minutes, and re-apply sunscreen every two hours or as needed.
3. Limit your caffeine and alcohol intake! Both alcohol and caffeine can dehydrate the body, making it more susceptible to heat exhaustion and heat stroke, which is often deadly!. If you do drink alcohol or caffeine, take in an additional eight ounces of water for every 8 ounces of alcohol or caffeinated beverage you consume. In addition, alcohol causes a decreased sense of balance and depth perception, factors which are necessary for the safe operation of a vessel, especially in crowded boat launch ramps and marinas, and when your balance and depth perception are impaired, studies indicate that you are ten times more likely to fall overboard!
4. Carry a first aid kit with you to the beach and on board your boat! The motto of the U.S. Coast Guard is *Semper Paratus*-which means always prepared. Be sure to carry the essentials (bandages, gauze, tape, etc), including rubber gloves, to help the person giving aid avoid blood borne pathogens. Bring along a basic First Aid book, and be familiar with procedures to initiate the Emergency Medical System (EMS) in the area you'll be boating or swimming in.

Avoid “Teak Surfing” and other dangerous practices: Teak surfing, the practice of holding onto the swim platform of an inboard or inboard/outboard boat while being dragged slowly through the water, is extremely dangerous for two reasons: (1) you are exposed to the odorless, colorless carbon monoxide gases, which can cause you to lose consciousness and drown; and (2) you run the risk of losing your grip and getting sucked into the boat's propeller. Also, avoid swimming underneath houseboats, where carbon monoxide fumes can accumulate, not only from the boat's engines, but from generators.

Respectfully Submitted by:
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Flotilla 3-5 Staff Officer-Public Affairs For Recreational Safe Boating Information or a Free Vessel Safety Check, visit our website www.flotilla3-5.org or stop by the Auxiliary Operations Center at the launchramps.

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Hussey's on the Bridge—opening is going well, the 2nd floor is open, FOOD is great- Chicken wing appetizer, Burgers the way you want and LADIES those washrooms are gorgeous!! "in walking distance" 110 S. Genesee St, 847-244-1011

Bacci's- PLEASE help me with this one. They will not do carry outs for approximately 1 month. I have not been able to visit in person but have heard all good things from those who sampled at "Taste of Waukegan" on July 27th. They are "in walking distance" 30 North Genesee St, 814-623-3121

China Garden-Really good food, Quick service and delivery is available for \$1.00 charge. "in walking distance" 318 N Genesee St, 847-623-3336

Madison Avenue-Always outstanding "love the Ruebens and Spinach salad, great service, "in walking distance" or if you're having dinner and drinks, call for a ride, 34 N Sheridan Rd, 847-662-6090

TASTE OF WAUKEGAN- Was held downtown and featured 9 restaurants, they had the 1st in June and just held one July 27th. We'll be aware at the front desk if they decide to have one in August. It was very good food and a lot of fun to taste test several restaurants.

Have you checked out our new "Restaurant Menu" book at the front desk? I'll be adding and deleting as necessary. Susan

FROM:

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