

# Brunswick Landing Marina Newsletter

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## Cure VHF Problems

If the radio starts to have problems when you're away from the dock, here are a couple of curative tips you can use to help remedy the situation.

**Bad-Mike Fix:** If the radio doesn't transmit or you get reports from nearby boaters that they can't hear you or that you are cutting in and out, the microphone cable may be at fault. While listening on a handheld VHF, stretch and manipulate the mike cable to see if you can pinpoint an intermittent wire in the cable. If found, twist or fold the cable to find a position where the microphone will work and then wrap electrical tape or a zip tie around the cable to maintain that position.

**Antenna and Cable Cure:** If you can make contact only with nearby boats, you may have an antenna or cable problem. Keep a backup antenna stowed on board as insurance. A short sailboat antenna will do with an appropriate length of coaxial cable. You can temporarily secure the antenna to a side rail with tape or an antenna rail mount to get you operational.

**Voltage Recovery:** Radio failure due to loss of voltage is common. Know where the in-line fuse is located and keep spare fuses handy. Loose connections and corrosion can cause radio failure. Cleaning and tightening the radio's power cable connections can often restore normal operation.

## Wind Words

*The National Weather Service uses the following phrases to generalize wind speeds:*

- **Light and Variable:** 5 mph or less
- **Small Craft Advisory:** Not exceeding 38 mph
- **Gale Warning:** 39 to 54 mph
- **Storm Warning:** More than 55 mph
- **Hurricane Warning:** 74 mph and above

## Tip: Don't Lose Your Nuts

In an effort to keep your boat's bilge free of loose nuts and screws when working in tight quarters, use chewing gum to hold a nut in a socket wrench in hard-to-reach places, to hold a machine screw on the top of a screwdriver so the screw can be started in a tough-to-access spot, and to hold components together during assembly.

## Upcoming Events

**February 4th** The First Friday of each month in Downtown Brunswick restaurants and stores are open 6-9.

**Every Wednesday** around 6pm throughout the month we invite you to attend a casual get-together for our boaters. Please bring your own beverages and appetizers to the bathhouse located between Dock 9 and Dock 10. See ya there!

**Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays**—Farmer's market at Mary Ross Waterfront Park, one of the properties adjacent to Brunswick Landing Marina.

## Our Condolences

**Ed Sherwood**, a much enjoyed boater of ours for years, has passed on. He was born and raised in Michigan. After working for United Airlines for 35 years he retired with the world ahead of him. He was a great man and will truly be missed. Our prayers go out to Lillie, his loving companion, his family and all of his friends.

## Welcome New Boaters

1. Mark Okkerse, **Tianna**, Dock #8
2. Tom Anderson, **Quay II**, Dock #8
3. Daren Jensen, **Windspirit**, Dock #3
4. Ardell Hoveskeland, **Valhalla**, Dock #9
5. Sylvia Mueller, **Eos**, Dock #3

## Recipes of the Month

### Ecuadorian Tuna Salad

#### Ingredients:

- 2 Cans tuna fish, in oil
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Small tallow onion, finely chopped
- 1 Cup diced tomatoes
- 1 Avocado, diced
- 1 Handful chopped cilantro
- 3 Tbsp lime juice
- 1/2 Tsp crushed garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a bowl. Serve chilled or at room temperature.