

Brunswick Landing Marina Newsletter

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Our new website is online!

Check it out at:

www.BrunswickLandingMarina.com

Toughing It Out

Being out on a boat in bad weather, even within sight of shore, puts you farther from help than you might think. When a storm threatens, head for the nearest dock or sheltered water immediately. If you can't make it to shore, follow the guidelines below:

- **Pump bilges dry** to eliminate any sloshing of water as the boat rolls.
- **Monitor Channel 16** on your marine VHF radio for updates on the weather. Also, listen for distress calls from other boaters. You may be the closest one that can lend assistance.
- **Do no anchor the boat** unless you're in a narrow body of water or you've lost visibility completely and are in danger of washing ashore. Under those conditions, anchor your boat from the bow to keep the boat heading into the waves.
- **If there is lightning**, keep everyone away from electrical and ungrounded components, and as low in the boat as possible.
- **If you must abandon ship**, get everyone on deck and send a mayday on your marine VHF-FM radio.

A Quick Tip

A great tool for topping off batteries is to attach a length of clear plastic hose to each end of a gas-line squeeze bulb. The next time you're got low distilled water levels, simply insert one end in the jug and squeeze. You'll be able to control the amount of water going into each cell and keep from spilling and/or over-filling while pouring directly from the jug.

Upcoming Events

July 1st—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.

Hurricane and Storm Preparation

It's hurricane season again, and predictions call for an above-normal number of storms.

- **Reduce windage where sensible.** Taking down canvas may well prevent extensive damage to far more than just that canvas. Cover the helm with plastic or a tarp secured with rope and water proof tape.
- **Duplicate lines.** Each line should have a mate running in the same direction but attached at a different place on both the boat and the dock. There are never too many lines or fenders. Extra lines and fenders, one more set of unusually long lines typically gets the job done. Add extra fenders too, particularly for boats that lay against floating docks.
- **Protect yourself.** Boats can be repaired or replaced; people can't. Take photos of preparations and of neighboring boats — insurance companies might require proof you didn't just leave the boat unprepared and hope for the best or that your neighbor did. Copy boat papers, particularly insurance policies, and keep them somewhere safe — even mail them to family living elsewhere.
- **Protect lines from chafe.** Used fire hose is the best chafe gear available — the double-jacketed rubber and canvas kind professional firefighters use.
- **Miscellaneous.** Heavy plastic sheeting or inexpensive tarps and duct tape protect electronics and seal problem hatches before the storm and also provide quick emergency repairs afterward to prevent further damage. Seal deck hatches with tape to keep as much water out of the bilge as possible. Collect recent insurance policies and paperwork at the start of the season, and have a disposable camera on hand for photos of storm preparations.

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Bilge Pump Checklist

1. **Clean...** Check the base of the pump housing for dirt, oil, and junk. Also check the automatic float switch. Clean with soap and a brush.
2. **Test...** Set three-way switch (usually at helm) to manual and make sure pump is working. Then switch to automatic operation, activate the float switch, and repeat.
3. **Secure...** Fasten all wire connections well above your waterline with waterproof butt connectors.
4. **Replace...** Check hose clamps on pump as well as through-hulls and replace if necessary.

The Lone Man and the Sea

Abandon ship! Prepare for the worst-case scenario with essential survival gear.

Whenever running a boat offshore by yourself, gear up. Start by cramming a fanny pack with energy bars, packaged water, light sticks and sunscreen. Get a ditch bag too, but with the items detailed here.

A PLB (personal locator beacon) is best because it communicates with two constellations or search-and-rescue satellites and because it transmits both locations and homing signals.

Some VHF's offer GPS display. It's a great feature, but a unit intended to go overboard with you must meet two other criteria. One, it should bear the JIS-8 and IPX-7 standards for waterproof. Two, it better float.

PLBs and VHF's are also available with integral strobe lights. But it's smart to pin a dedicated, water-activated strobe light to your life jacket anyway. If you hit the water, unconscious, at least your light will turn on.

1. VHF Radio - A floating, waterproof VHF worn with a belt clip and lanyard lets you make mayday calls and communicate with rescuers.
2. Dye Marker - Highly visible, it enables rescuers to follow the direction of your drift.
3. Whistle - It's louder and more reliable than yelling to alert nearby rescuers.
4. Signal Mirror - This requires practice to use correctly but is a great tool.
5. PLB (Personal Locating Beacon) - Communicating your position directly to SAR satellites, a PLB notifies rescue agencies and helps them home in on your position.
6. PFD Strobe Light - Select one that meets the SOLAS requirements for minimum 8-hour operating time.
7. Reflective tape/patches - Apply to life jackets and clothing.

Bottoms Up!

Pickle-Tini

- 2 Oz. Dill pickle juice
- 3 Oz. Vodka
- Crushed ice
- Pickle spear

Put ice in a shaker, add vodka and pickle juice and shake; or, what the heck, stir it in a plastic cup — you aren't James Bond. Garnish with dill pickle and guz-zle, albeit carefully.

Recipe of the Month

Barbecue Baby Back Ribs

Ingredients:

- 1/2 Cup apple cider
- 1 1/4 Your favorite barbecue sauce
- 3 Lb baby back ribs
- 1 (12 x 36-inch) sheet of aluminum foil
- 1 Tablespoon blackening seasoning

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Cooking time: 30 minutes

Serves: 4

Directions:

1. Preheat over to 450°. Combine in small bowl, apple cider and 3/4 cup of the barbecue sauce. Place ribs on foil in single layer. Season ribs by rubbing the seasoning into ribs on both sides (wash hands). Pour sauce over top of ribs. Bring up ends of foil and double-fold ends to seal. Double-fold both sides up to completely seal ribs. Place on baking sheet and bake 25 minutes. (For more tender ribs, cook up to 15 minutes longer.)
2. Ribs can be finished on grill, for best flavor. Preheat grill. Remove ribs from foil pouch; place on grill. Brush with remaining 1/2 cup barbecue sauce as ribs grill 3-4 minutes to improve flavor. If ribs are not finished on the grill, serve with barbecue sauce for dipping. Serve.

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We are pleased to tell you that due to the large number of returning and new customers we've had to add this third page!

New Boaters

1. Wayne Hollett, **Gypsea III**, Hill
2. Rick Caavwe, **Moon River**, Dock 4
3. Lane Darton, **Cielo**, Dock 4
4. Rusty Sitton, **Moon River**, Dock 5
5. Ron Dubbley, **Illusions**, Dock 5
6. Peter Bugg, **Kinvara**, Dock 7
7. Ronald Ellermeir, **Wight Skye**, Dock 7
8. Glen Johnson, **Piece of Cake**, Dock 7
9. Ro Whittington, **Catch Me if You Can**, Dock 7
10. Charles Liffick, **Slow Flight**, Dock 8
11. Rodney Collier, **Satisfaction Plus**, Dock 8
12. Ronald Pestone, **Shangrila**, Dock 8
13. Glen Floyd, **Dot's Way**, Dock 12
14. Harry Martin, **Equinox**, Dock 12
15. William McKay, **Wild Orchid**, Dock 13
16. Margaret Floss, **Wayward Sun**, Dock 14
17. Whiteney Goit, **Tony's Wind**, Dock 14
18. Joe Hamilton, **Okemah Rose**, Dock 14
19. Jacob Maizez, **Anna Ruth**, Dock 14
20. James Bates, **Melaka II**, Dock 15
21. Angel Heart, **Makarios**, Dock 2
22. Stewart Austin, **Sand Piper**, Dock 4

Welcome Back

1. John Brandon, **Graduate**, Dock 5
2. Mr & Mrs Jacobsen, **Gypsy Song**, Dock 6
3. Jesse Price, **Wind Dust**, Dock 6
4. Earl Davis, **Seeker**, Dock 6
5. Bill Bartlett, **Memento Mori**, Dock 6
6. Brian Walter, **Lunablu**, Dock 7
7. Jerry Wheeler, **Babe**, Dock 8
8. Scott Stewart, **Sub Zero**, Dock 8
9. Chuck Morrell, **Stargazer**, Dock 9
10. Dan Skidmore, **About Time**, Dock 9
11. Gary Carter, **Gypsea**, Dock 9
12. Anne Garrison, **Surprise**, Dock 10
13. Kim Thompson, Private Island, Dock 11
14. Nolan Atwood, Black Pearl, Dock 11
15. Paul Graham, Odyssey, Dock 12
16. Catherine Jones, Hunky Dory, Dock 12
17. Stephen Parry, **Blue Pelican**, Dock 12
18. Jim Hall, **Patty Jean**, Dock 13
19. Scott Lord, **Spindrift**, 13
20. Lee Yonkers, **Morning Glory**, Dock 13
21. Earl Chappell, **Pain Killer**, Dock 13
22. Garry Driscoll, **Splendor**, Dock 14
23. Robert Baillie, **Belair**, Dock 15
24. Frank Schoch, **Animal Issues**, Dock 3