

Brunswick Landing Marina Newsletter

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Hose Clamps

Who gives any thought about the lowly hose clamp? As long as it's made of stainless steel, isn't one the same as the next? No way, and thinking like that can sink your boat.

The ideal hose clamp translates the torque applied to the worm gear into a clamping force that is (and here is the key phrase) *equally distributed around the circumference of the band*.

Inexpensive hose clamps have bands with stamped out slots, the edges of which dig in and drag against the hose, holding that part of the band in place — while the non-perforated part of the band moves more easily so it's pulled more. This results in less clamping force under the slots and too much where the band is smooth. The best clamps have embossed slots that keep the underside smooth. In addition, the band under the worm gear should be rounded — not flat — to match the arc of the hose, so it also would move easily.

All you need is 35 inch/pounds of torque at the screw head. That's about as much as you can apply with a screwdriver without grunting. Too much can lock up the screw and destroy the hose. Hoses adjust to pressure and slowly give where it is applied. A 200-pound clamping force can become 140 pounds after an hour — a good reason to regularly check clamp tightness.

Under your Boat

Do you really know about the liquid world on which you boat? Here's a five-point culture courses:

1. Do not get friendly with the bearded sea snake. It carries enough venom to kill 52 people.
2. The epitome of motherly love: A female giant octopus in the Pacific won't eat for six months while protecting her eggs. When they hatch, she dies.
3. If a dominant female clownfish dies, the male becomes a female. Talk about goofy.
4. Some 25,000 fish species have been identified, but there could be another 15,000 that haven't been.
5. Largest fish is the great whale shark (50 feet). Smallest is the Philippine goby (one-third of an inch full grown).

Discharge of Garbage Prohibited

The Act to Prevent Pollution from Ships (MARPOL ANNEX V) places limitations on the discharge of garbage from vessels. It is illegal to dump plastic trash anywhere in the ocean or navigable waters of the United States. It is also illegal to discharge garbage in the navigable waters of the United States, including inland waters as well as anywhere in the Great Lakes.

Upcoming Events

Every Wednesday 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!

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

June 13th — Jazz in the Park Featuring String-Sessions. Bring a chair/blanket and a picnic supper. 7-9pm. \$10 adults, \$5 ages 6-12, under 6 free. Full season pass \$40. Lighthouse lawn, 12th St., SSI. GIAHA. 262-6934. Goldenislesarts.org

Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
6. Release transmit button.
7. Wait for 10 seconds — If no response repeat MAYDAY call.

Recipe of the Month

Low Country Boil

Ingredients:

-2lbs. Wild Georgia Shrimp	-1 medium yellow onion
-1lb smoked sausage cut in 3in pieces	-1 fresh lemon
-2lbs red potatoes	-1/2 pkg. Low Country Boil Seasoning
-3-4 ears of corn, shucked cut in half	-1/2 can light beer

Directions:

Fill a large stock pot 1/2 full of water (about 1 gallon) bring to a boil. Add package of seasoning, onion peeled and quartered, lemon peeled and halved and beer. Return to a boil. Carefully add the potatoes, boil for 15 mins. Add the ears of corn and boil for another 5 minutes. Add the smoked sausage and boil another 3-4 minutes, add the shrimp and boil for 1-2 minutes more (until firm to the pinch) stirring frequently. Drain and serve immediately with 1qt Crisp Cole Slaw, cocktail sauce, rolls with butter, and banana pudding.