

# ***Underway***

## **Newsletter of the Barbour River Yacht Club**



*Underway* is published sort of quarterly or when the spirit moves us. Its considered purpose is to issue resounding calls to arms, trumpet ringing praises, declaim bitter denunciations, project pregnant persiflage, and generally entertain the writer. This may require bizarre combination of all the above, as the occasion demands.

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### *Greetings from the banks of the mighty Barbour River:*

*The older I grow, the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom.*

H. L. Menken

We have had a few of what Mr. William Shakespeare called “the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune” come our way since my last newsletter.

1. **Tropical Storm Hermine** clipped a lot of tree tops and small limbs to pick up and burn.
2. **Hurricane Matthew** brought a lot more excitement with evacuation recommendations, more clipped tree tops, some larger limbs (one of which damaged a fence), and a dose of much higher wind.



3. Belvedere Island still has damaged docks and hoists. Several of their members have either taken trial memberships or joined fully. Apparently our hoist is more user friendly anyway.
4. One large sturdy oak was snapped off about 10 feet above ground and showed no sign of ill health. We had to buy a new chainsaw –

wore the old one out even though it was only 20-25 years old.

Included in and around the above were some awesome tides.

5. Hermine also ripped off one of our ceiling fans on the porch, but Steve Ellis put in a replacement and added another over the table on the end of the building.
6. Manager Jim Eising’s health took a beating for a bit. The cardiac portion was cured with three stents. Unfortunately, he fell on his head in his boat when the problem surfaced -- but he was able to turn off the engine even though groggy. His recovery is moving along nicely, but we miss his high capability efforts. He put in some really hard work in storm preparation and the initial cleanup for Matthew.
7. The federal ramp next door has been closed for parking lot repaving, and it has just now reopened. We felt really sorry for folks who drove many miles. and couldn’t launch. We launched a few who took out trial memberships to get a sticker for their boats. Our permit requirements would not let us launch boats for non-members. We did take care of a couple of emergency breakdown situations, which is permitted.

We think our effort to build everything stronger than necessary is paying off. I hope it continues to do so.

Needless to say, much of the above has contributed to our free firewood pile. Some folks took wood

home before it even got to the pile. Please help yourself as long as it lasts.



Looks like we will need to place some more rip-rap shortly, but thank goodness what we have now did a great job and no failures of the bank are yet evident.

***I start the day with Captain Crunch and end the day with Captain Morgan, because apparently I want to be a pirate.***

Hopefully you won't think the following table of club costs for next year are evidence of my piratical tendency. We were lucky during 2016 in several ways. **First**, we had no significant equipment breakdowns with surprise repair or replacement costs – just expected routine. A new 25 inch Stihl chainsaw (\$679) along with the \$4800 for hoist refinishing was pretty much it.

**Second**, cleanup expenses from Matthew were modest. Some diesel fuel and a couple of chainsaw chains along with some local labor covered it – a few hundred dollars. Inflation is apparently rising a little. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ran about 3% more or less, depending on whose measure you use. That is about what was added to the 2016 figures for the numbers that went up.

<b><u>Expense - per year</u></b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Initiation fee (Regular or Goulds Landing)	\$ 150	\$ 150
<b>Dues, Regular members</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>655</b>
Dues, Goulds Ldg. Property owners	575	555
30 day (only) trial membership (if offered)	100	95
Covered Storage 14'x40' (#2 through 6)	1420	1380
14'x40' (#1 w/ side door, lights, etc.)	1535	1490
Covered Storage 15'x45' (#8 through 11)	1880	1825
15'x45' with side door (#7 and 12)	1980	1925
Boats stored in the open		
- On concrete pads	400	390
- On the grass/dirt	195	190

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**Barbour River Club c/o Underwoods**  
**4555 Sentinel Post Road**  
**Atlanta, GA 30327**

As usual, we will accept dues and storage fees for **2017 at the old rate (2016) for any who wish to pay before January 1**. Bunny and I will be there for 3-4 days before January 1 if you think of it at the last minute. It's probably safer to mail it to the Atlanta address early in December. We go by postmark, in case USPS takes its time. A day or two isn't a problem.



**Don't forget to accumulate stuff for our April 8, 2017 Nautical Flea market.**



I hope all of you have noticed our great new paint job on the hoist framework and canopy. It is so good that the wheels on the hoists didn't ground on the frame until they wore a groove through the paint, resulting in some short term static electricity tickles. We have added additional grounding, hoping to avoid this next time we paint. Master Blasters is the company that did the job.



We made a brief attempt at conserving natural resources at the BRC clubhouse by putting in a recycle cart as well as the garbage cart. I am afraid some of you didn't recognize the difference (in spite of the **bright yellow top for recycling**). It filled immediately with garbage that won't recycle. **Please put only recyclable items such as aluminum drink cans, clean cardboard and paper, plastic bottles, etc. in the recycle cart.** Garbage goes in the other (green top) cart. We have added additional signs to the recycle cart in hopes of reminding the forgetful. We robbed these carts from our guest house, since they saw very little use there. Bunny and I pay for them personally.



Tom and Liz Galazka's recently acquired Albemarle 41 at the BRYC dock.

### On Aging Gracefully:

1. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
2. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs working on.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop irritating me!
4. Even duct tape can't fix stupid... but it can muffle the sound!
5. Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.
6. I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do the second week.

Thanksgiving went by a few days ago, and I hope all of you had a great family meal and weekend with friends and loved ones.

In addition to our family, Bunny and I have found some other things to be thankful for. Interestingly many have to do with the Barbour River Club and its members.

Initially, we had some trepidation at welcoming unknown new friends into our yard, but you have all treated our property with respect and care. **Thanks!**

Not everyone is mechanically adept, but all have worked hard to use the hoists, docks, and other facilities carefully and safely. **Thanks!**

All do their best to be congenial and friendly. It certainly makes for a great time on the waters for us all. **Thanks!**

All of you have been eager to help when things get hairy around the docks. Not only do Bunny and I appreciate the attitude, new members have assured me that they find great comfort in it.

**Thanks for all your efforts!**

**We want to wish you a Merry Christmas and the finest of New Years afloat on the Sapelo waters.**

*John Underwood*

