

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



BRC member and neighbor **Josh Morse** has earned a **second Bronze Star** in Afghanistan. We are all very proud of Josh. Now we need to get him home so he can put his boat in the water.

We continue to tweak our new web site, but it is fully functional now, thanks to member Bill Lewis. Especially look at the "Boat Stuff For Sale" section which is updated regularly. You can call or email us and put your excess boats and boat stuff there, too.

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Barbourriveryachtclub.com



Fortunately we had two quick responses for our rip-rap needs. Ed Nelson volunteered a truck load from a construction site he has, and Wayne Mobley next door offered the concrete remains of an old oyster processing plant in his back yard. We have transferred parts of it to areas in greatest need. If you are loitering around the docks, you may be recruited for rock tossing duty.



Three of our more mature members were walking to the dock the other day ---

First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"

Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"

Third one says, "So am I. Get the cooler with the beer in it."

When you see them, please welcome our new members :

Stanley and Joyce Harris – Ludowici

Richard and Mary Kemp – Jefferson

Mark and Janet Yeager (returning) – Harris Neck

Bill Knight – Sugar Hill

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.

I notice that many of you still use the unpaved toad loop by the clubhouse to line up for launching. It is much easier to use the larger paved loop for this, particularly with a larger boat. We have left the old one in place just for cars that want to park near the fence at the north end of the property --- and for the US Mail ladies.

Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.



Our new hoists are delivered and installed. We are still tweaking them to match our needs as well as possible. We have gone to a different brand (Harrington) recommended by both our supplier and our installer. More importantly we have changed to newly available three phase current for greater motor reliability.

Without getting bogged down in the technical details, three phase motors are able to avoid some switchgear problems in the starting phase of operation. They generally have more starting torque, too.

This option had not been available to us until recently, when Coastal EMC extended it to the Wild Life Refuge next door. We would have preferred to make the change in the dead of winter, but we suffered a nearly simultaneous failure of one hoist gearbox, the horizontal traveler motor and the associated gearbox. It was time to move. I hope it turns out to be a good decision, in spite of the predictable unexpected problems. ***Murphy has not retired.***

Fortunately, our Barbour Island friends can use the one good and nearly new hoist plus the 3 “parts hoists” of varying quality left from our recent changes.



The bad news is that the bill total is in the \$18,000 range. A couple of minor things are yet to come in.

A less momentous change is the addition of a masonry ring around our fire pit to lessen the likelihood of children (or mildly impaired adults) getting burned.



We had hoped to put down some sort of stable road cover in the near future. Perhaps something like the crushed coral on our driveway or the less expensive “crusher run”. I’m afraid this will have to wait for cash flows to catch up. Please be on the lookout for compatible new members, and call me if you have a great idea for road cover. It has to be “permeable” so water will not wash down our launching area and contaminate the river in the eyes of the government.

***I used to be indecisive.
Now I'm not so sure.***

For anyone who finds it helpful, we have a somewhat sheltered, concrete open air storage pad available. It is located between the smaller boat storage building and

the pump house. It has storm tiedowns on the four corners. Price is \$500 per year. We are currently full in our covered boat storage stalls, but we would be happy to put you on the waiting list. It turns over quickly (none waiting at the moment).



Homeland Security under the Sequester

One of the penalties for not participating in politics is that you will be governed by your inferiors.

Plato (a really long time ago)



I think I mentioned this before, but there is an easy way to check your VHF transmitting and receiving at one time courtesy of Sea Tow St. Catherine’s. Transmit a request for radio check on channel 26. When you release the mike button, and if everything is working, you will hear playback of your request.

I suppose you could transmit anything you want, but there are some pretty stiff penalties that the FCC can invoke for a variety of frivolous transmissions. Play it safe and ask for a radio check. This is not the place to air your personal opinions about the government.

Today’s short reading from the Bible – from Genesis:

And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth.

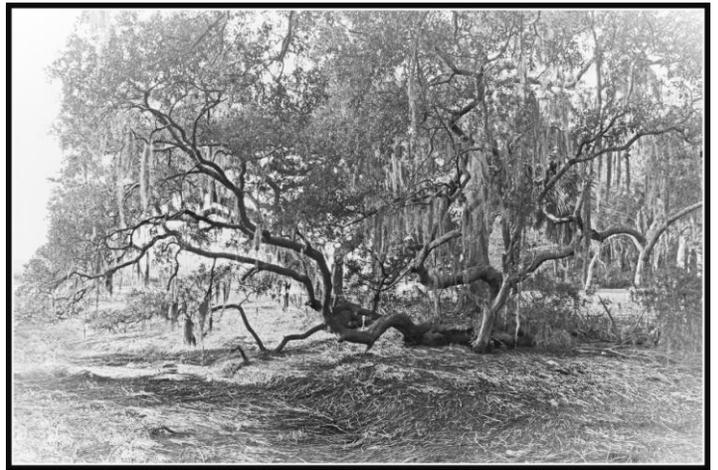
Only He knew the earth was round.



The following photos came from a new friend – Randall Davis. I have yet to meet Randall face to face, but I certainly like his work. He shot these from our yard on the marsh side. I look forward to seeing more of his efforts. If you are of like mind, you can look it over on the web site below.



randalldavisphotography.com



Three friends from a local congregation were asked, 'When you're in your casket, and friends and congregation members are mourning over you, what would you like them to say?'

Artie said: 'I would like them to say I was a wonderful husband, a fine spiritual leader, and a great family man.'

Eugene commented: 'I would like them to say I was a wonderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in people's lives.'

Al said: 'I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'

Keep your fingers crossed. The hurricane season has not dealt us a blow of consequence – at least up to now. The weather has begun the switch to cool, and soon the green marshes will once again become our Golden Isles.

If you're lucky enough to live near the water.....you're lucky enough.

John Underwood

