

# 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

**We have a new Web site.** It can be boarded at

[www.barbourriverclub.com](http://www.barbourriverclub.com) or

[www.barbourriveryachtclub.com](http://www.barbourriveryachtclub.com)

The latter is being used for construction purposes. So you might try it first. Eventually, both will work.

Our "guru in charge" is new member Bill Lewis. Suggestions on what to cover will be welcomed, and at least some of the ideas offered will surely be used. We are feeling our way toward a better and easily available presentation of information on the club.

We are probably among the Georgia Coast's best kept secrets right now.

That's fine, except that we need a few more members to make ends meet and keep dues increases from exceeding inflation. When you are trying to describe the club to someone, maybe the web site will make that easier.

*Money cannot buy happiness, but it's more comfortable to cry in a Cadillac than on a bicycle.*

For the foreseeable future, the newsletter will be available on paper and on-line. At some point, we may ask you to let us know if the paper version is not necessary in your mailbox.

*To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.*

Winston Churchill

Our next **First Saturday** gathering will be June 1. If we have your email address, we will send you a reminder and let you know if there is a particular theme for the food.



Bunny and I had occasion to try out the latest iteration of Sapelo Station. It's called Clay's Sapelo Station and The Crab Shed. The food was excellent and the service very prompt. They are a lot faster than we are at getting a web site running, too. [clayssapelostation.com](http://clayssapelostation.com) We felt that this was another place for excellent dining -- on highway 17 in Eulonia.

Since *Underway's* last publication (Christmas, I hate to admit), we have added some new members:

**James and Susan Reeves – Townsend**

**David and Therese Standard – Vidalia**

**Ron and Amanda Childress – Fayetteville**

**Ron Carter – Midway**

**Bill Lewis and Laura Powell – The Rookery - Harris Neck**

**Dylan Redd – Eagle Neck**

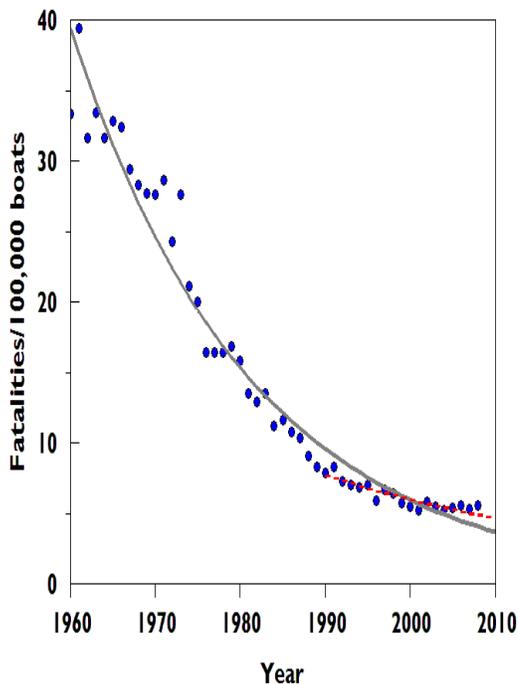
Please welcome them if you bump into them at the docks or clubhouse.

**We need to add some rip-rap** to our bulkhead where there is some erosion. If anyone has broken concrete or rock available, please call us. 912-832-6721

*I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read, and all the friends I want to see."*

--John Burroughs,  
American naturalist and essayist

You might be interested in what is happening to the fatality rate in boating. The change is minimal in the last few years, including 2011 and 2012. It may be we have gone about as far down the safer path as we can, though some in the Coast Guard think that with mandatory life jacket wear it can be forced ever lower. I don't think you can regulate stupidity. It can sneak up on anyone.



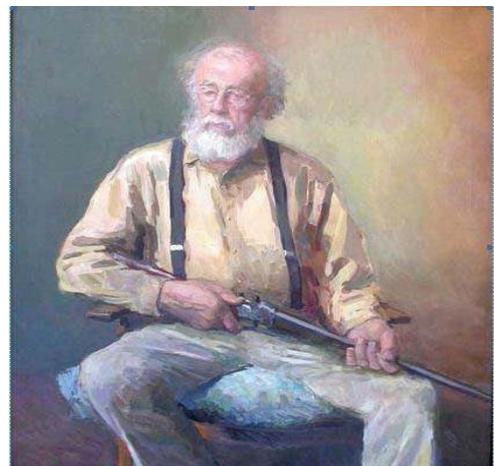
**Fig. 1.** Fatality rates (per 100,000 registered boats) have decreased substantially over the years since 1960, indicative of substantial progress, but the rate of improvement has decreased in recent years.

Your chances of dying in a boating accident are about one in a hundred thousand in a given year. About 70 million people boat annually, and about 700 are killed annually (Coast Guard figures). This may be better than the odds of being murdered by your spouse. Fortunately, or unfortunately, the Coast Guard does not regulate that area.

*Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.*

### More things worth pondering:

- ***How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?***
- ***I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place!***
- ***Wouldn't it be nice if whenever we messed up our lives we could simply press 'Ctrl Alt Delete' and start all over?***
- ***My wife says I never listen to her. At least I think that's what she said.***
- ***Since bread is square, then why is sandwich meat round?***  
***Why does a round pizza come in a square box?***



***Shot my first turkey yesterday. Scared the crap outa everyone in the frozen food section. It was awesome! Getting old is so much fun.***

***There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness".***

Dave Barry

We have had a barge with cable laying machinery nearby to the North visiting off and on for a few days. This is part of our local EMC's effort to bring a new line to Barbour Island and branch off that near the end to go up to Wahoo Island. The old line was in foul shape and has caused numerous power outages for our members residing there. I believe that Darien Telephone also has a fiber-optic line carried along in the process – to assure better telephone service and take care of future data transmission needs. Since this is a maintenance project, and our agreement for permit allows such, we felt comfortable in allowing going and coming of personnel from our dock. US Fish and Wildlife next door also agreed to have the barge on their waterfront. It was all done under the auspices of our EMC as necessary maintenance. All parties agreed to this in the permitting process. The contractors and EMC personnel have gone to great (successful) efforts to avoid interfering with our operations.

As a bonus in the deal, we get three phase electricity brought to our panel to allow us to gradually replace our hoists with more efficient, trouble free and faster three phase hoists. It seems to be a win-win-win deal. We even gained a new member in the process.

Hopefully the addition of a few more new members will have our budget ready to move the next time either hoist gives up the ghost.

Buddy and I will see you on the water.

*John Underwood*

