

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



It's not major news, but we have added another **washdown and engine flushing station between the boat storage buildings** (thanks to Ronnie Bragdon and

his backhoe). Sammy Perkins came up with the idea. We had some problems with our longer boats sticking out in the road when their owners tried to use the station by the pumphouse (politely freeing up the launching area).

Jim has also trimmed back the bushes in front of the clubhouse so we can find it. Looks much better.

Studies prove that women carrying a little extra weight will live longer than men who bring it up.

We all welcome our **new members**. They make good company on the waterfront, and they help share the club's overhead. Since our last newsletter, the following have cast their lot with us.

1. **Johnny Timmons** (returning)
2. **Jordy and Laura Evans** – Springfield Plantation
3. **Chris and Carol Kovalchik** – Delta Plantation
4. **Bill Hawk** – Eagle Neck



Prayerful songs for older folk:

***Precious Lord, Take My Hand
.....and Help Me Up.***

It is Well with My Soulbut My Knees hurt.

Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing.

Just a Slower Walk with Thee.

***Go Tell it on the Mountain,
.....but Speak Up.***

Give Me the Old Timer's Religion.

Blessed Insurance.

***Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah,
.....I've Forgotten Where I Parked.***



An idea that I have been toying with for a while is a **NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET**. I have a bunch of stuff too nice to chuck but not currently or likely to be in use -- accumulated over more than 60 years of boating, plus I still have some of the residue of Lockwood Marine. A couple of you have mentioned having similar stashes. We could all put out tables, trailers, or the back of pickups some Saturday if there is enough interest. The club would take care of modest advertising. If nothing else, we could swap our junk around. Email me or call if you are interested.

**BROTHER SPEEDER
LET'S REHEARSE
ALL TOGETHER
GOOD MORNING, NURSE
Burma Shave**

The dust season is upon us. Remember the club property speed limit is **10MPH**. I can't jump out of the way as fast as I used to.

The BoatUS list of Top Ten Boat Names:

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| 1. <i>Serenity</i> | 6. <i>Andiamo</i> |
| 2. <i>Second Wind</i> | 7. <i>Island Time</i> |
| 3. <i>Island Girl</i> | 8. <i>Irish Wake</i> |
| 4. <i>Freedom</i> | 9. <i>Happy Hours</i> |
| 5. <i>Pura-Vida</i> | 10. <i>Seas the Day</i> |

I don't know where some of these came from, but Boat US has access to a huge number of boat owners. The only one even close to what we have used is #10. We had a Pilgrim Trawler named "Carpe Diem", Latin for Seize the Day. What is an Andiamo – or a Pura-Vida? These sound like cocktails in a pretentious bar. Microsoft Word doesn't recognize either one.



The first spring First Saturday party was a resounding success – our largest crowd ever. This in spite of our holding it on the second Saturday -- of April.

Maybe our membership likes to be just a little wild. Over 40 people brought some really gourmet grade comestibles. I ate way too much, even though I tried to take just a small sample of each.

The Underwoods need to move to 2nd Saturday again in May (the 10th). Grandson Daniel (Jack's son) is getting married in Mexico Beach, FL on the 3rd. He has borrowed our 25' HydraSports for the getaway vehicle after the wedding. That is the only part of the ceremony his wise new wife will allow him to plan.

Hope May 10th works for you. That food was really good in April, and so was the company – a lot of new folks. **We will stay with the 2nd Saturday in the future** to avoid some recurring conflicts (i.e. Darien's

1st Saturday event, etc.) Feel free to let us know if this is a problem for you.

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.

Speaking of Jack, if any of you who know him want to drop him a card, he has a new address:

**Jack Underwood – Room 240
Brighton Gardens of Buckhead
3088 Lenox Road, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30324**



Since we fixed the broken control wire that gave us fits during the installation of our new hoists, they have been marvels of reliability. Keep your fingers crossed and don't forget to put them back under the canopy when you are through with them. We want to keep them humming flawlessly.



An email note just arrived for many of you from the Speirs saying that Mary's mother, **Beverly (Sams)**, had passed away at age 85. Those of us who moved onto Barbour Island early and battled to secure permits for the River Club remember Beverly well as a lady who always knew just what to say to make any situation better.

She helped immeasurably in the permit fight, securing several staunch environmentalists for our side and confounding those wanting to paint us as despoilers of the Sapelo.

Her New Year's Day brunches were legend, and when/if I get to heaven, I hope the good Lord will allow me to stay long enough to visit Beverly and Charlie for a good breakfast with some great conversation. I'll ask Beverly to put in a good word for me so I can stay.



If any of you know something about the petroleum distribution business (or know someone who does), we would love to find a packaged product that would allow us to have a self-contained, non-ethanol gasoline,

credit card activated facility on the property – probably away from the waterfront. A lot of folks would find it convenient, but I don't know who to ask for information. If it takes a lot of managing, is hazardous or is onerously regulated, we probably would do without.



1930's Hollywood came to the River Club recently --- as in our windsock was "Gone with the Wind". A new one is on the way, and we added the

club name. I don't know how many club members like to gage the wind with it, but I know that I do – especially in larger boats with more windage area. I don't think we suffered any other damage.



To save the club postage, Bunny is including an envelope and note with this newsletter if your dues are due before September 1. **There is absolutely no**

penalty for paying early. We stay with your original anniversary date.

The list on the clubhouse bulletin board is always a quick source of your due date. Also, it is printed on your boat membership sticker and on the label for your newsletter.

John Wilsterman (Cooper's Point) has a new book out, *Next to Life Itself*. I haven't read it yet but hope to soon.

Robert Coram (Harris Neck) is working on a new one, also. It covers the career of Robert Scott (aviator author of *God is My Co-pilot*).

I think that **Jon Traer** (Springfield) is also enroute to publishing another novel. More as I get details on the progress of each.

The "Neck" is absolutely awash in a seething sea of literary creativity and industry.

"The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

Thomas Jefferson

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

With April showers plentiful, we should do some dancin' to celebrate everything turning a beautiful green again. Happens every year, but it's still amazing.



John Underwood