

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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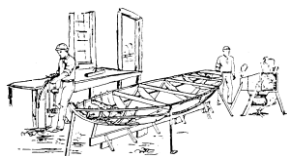
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Greetings from the banks of the mighty Barbour River:

We have about used up another boating season. I hope that all of you enjoyed our waterfront as much as I did. My favorite quotation is still --

“Believe me, my young friend, there is nothing - absolutely nothing - half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.”

– Kenneth Grahame.
The Wind in the Willows



A lot of good messing around with boats took place in the last few months. Thankfully, our club waterfront exists in

a benign climate that allows for an extended boating season. We can keep on doing it for a while – and then start up again as soon as old man winter eases up a little bit.

I am already making plans for next spring. As I mentioned a while back, I have a bunch of nautical paraphernalia accumulated over 60 years of “messing about in boats” or left over from the settling of Lockwood’s debts to me. Informal discussions indicate that many of you are in the same boat.



I previously proposed that we have a “Nautical Fleamarket” to move this surplus from one garage to another. I may end up buying more than I sell, but that’s part of the fun. Others seem to agree.

I think the opening of the season next spring would be a great time to try this out. I have picked a couple of possible weekends and would appreciate feedback via the letterhead email or phone if you see a problem with either or both.

February 28 – March 1, 2015
March 14-15, 2015

It may be still cold on the water, but it should be just fine for shopping among piles of fascinating boat stuff.

I will suggest to all sellers, club members or not, that they pile their usable discards in the back of a pickup truck or on a flatbed trailer and bring it to the club. Bring a tarp in case the end of winter scatters a shower or two on us. We have lots of room for parking our displays, and should have a great time. Bring money, too. You may not sell enough in time to finance someone else’s “must have” discards. If it works out, maybe it will be a regular season opener. We will talk about food and other stuff later. I will invite some dealer friends to unload their hard stock at a bargain, too. There should be no shortage of project material.

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

Unfortunately, it’s time to discuss dues and other club fees for next year.

Thanks to our wonderful new hoists, we all took a pretty good hit last year. I think we can get by with about 2% this time – just enough to cover current mild inflation.

This leads to **\$640 for regular membership and \$540 for Goulds Landing residents**. I hope that doesn't disrupt anybody's financial planning. If it does, call us and we will try to work something out.

As before, we are happy to accept renewals at the current rate (\$625/525) if paid before January 1, 2015. This applies whether your renewal date is in January or July and beyond.

We will also only need a slight increase in some storage fees. We haven't had one for several years.

Larger building -- 15'x45' stalls with a side door (# 7 and #12) @ **\$ 1890** per year (up from \$1850)

We may have one of these available after January 1st.

Same stalls without side doors (#8 ,9, 10 & 11) @ **\$1790** per year (up from \$1750)

Smaller building – 13 x 40 stalls without side door (# 2 thru 6) @ **\$ 1350** per year (up from \$1320)

Semi-protected storage on the concrete pads between the buildings @ **\$ 500** per year (unchanged and *both available*)

Open storage in the designated places @ **\$ 300** per year (unchanged)

As with the dues, you can pay before January 1 and use the old rate.

Send payments to:

**Barbour River Club
4555 Sentinel Post Road
Atlanta, GA 30327**

Bunny will be sending renewal reminders with envelopes a month prior to your due date. You may also find envelopes in the clubhouse and a

list posted with renewal dates. Sorry to have to talk money, but now it is done for another year. Let's go back to boating.

Rob Watson came through with some beautiful signs that should give our club a more pleasing appearance. **Note that we have two areas set aside for golf carts.** If everybody follows the directions for parking, it would be marvelous – if they can figure them out. I know that some of you prefer parking wherever convenient, but I am just not a fan.

I don't know whether my abhorrence of parking chaos stems from an engineering education, an early military career, or just crabby old age. Probably the last, but I beg you to humor an old man.

Don't worry about your old age, it doesn't last that long.

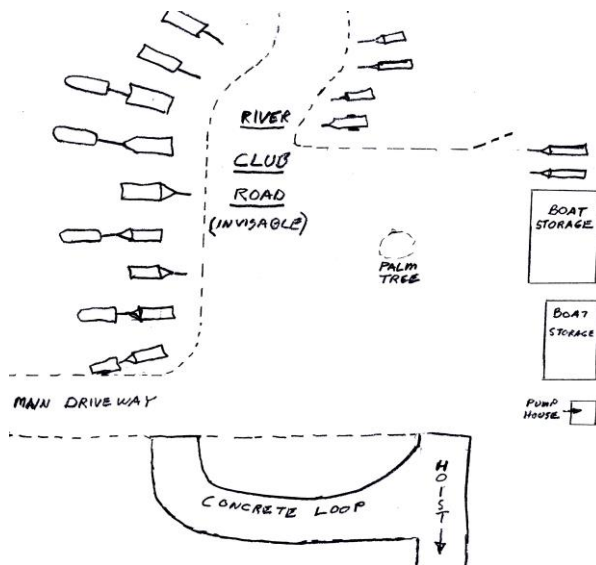
The Invisible Road

One of our more significant parking problems stems from inadvertent parking in our nearly invisible loop road, now labeled **River Club Road**. The sign is at its intersection with the main driveway to the hoists/clubhouse. The road was originally cleared to facilitate the development of the rear of the property. Happily, we did not do this. It loops from in front of the boat storage buildings, past our guest house, and back to the main driveway.

You may have been annoyed by a note on your windshield to pull further forward into the woods with your trailer or rig. That was to clear the road. The reason the roadway needs to be kept clear (even though nearly invisible) is to allow the additional trailers beginning to show up access to parking further back on either side of the River Club Road loop. If a trailer or rig is parked near the entrance, we run out of parking spaces quickly and force members to take strange and sometimes hazardous paths through the trees.

I apologize for our brief and cryptic windshield notes, but I want to make sure there is plenty of parking, even if the walk is a little longer. (Very few of our members don't need the exercise, and

those that don't are generally the ones least bothered by the walk.) Jim and I will try to make to road as visible as we can. Suggestions are appreciated.



Note that we have **free firewood** from time to time, mostly Oak, from dead trees we have to take down or limbs that fall. It is piled beside the road between the end of the parking area and our house. Please help yourself.

More club information on our web site at barbourriverclub.com

*A Scottish Friendship Wish
May there always be work for
your hands to do;*

**May your purse always hold a
coin or two;**

**May the sun always shine on
your windowpane,**

**May a rainbow be certain to
follow each rain;**

**May the hand of a friend
always be near you;**

**May your heart always fill
with gladness to cheer you.**

Bunny and I would also like to add:

Happy Thanksgiving,

**because we are thankful for each of you –for
being a friend as well as a member.**

Merry Christmas,

**and A Most Joyful &
Prosperous New Year**

-- so we can all do it again in 2015!

John Underwood

