

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 still haven't taken all the dead oaks down, but we will soon. If you see cut

firewood piled at the entering edge of the parking lot, feel free to grab as much as you want.



This spring, try to keep **Saturday, April 9th** open. That is the tentative selection for our **2nd Annual Nautical Flea**

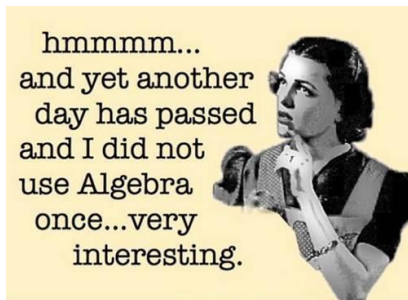
Market. I will let you know if a tsunami, meteor strike or something of similar gravity changes it. Pray for good weather and bring your left over boating stuff. Boats, trailers and engines are welcome in addition to general boating parts, paraphernalia and nautical décor items.

As in years past, we will accept BRC dues and fees for the upcoming year without the annual inflation adjustment, provided we receive them before January 1st.

Since inflation is pretty mild right now, I hope none of this shocks anyone.

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.



<i>Expense - per year</i>	2015	2016
Initiation fee (Regular or Goulds Ldg)	\$ 150	\$ 150
Dues, Regular members	640	655
Dues, Goulds Ldg. Property owners	540	555
30 day (only) trial membership (if offered)	95	95
Covered Storage 14'x40' (#2 through 6)	1350	1380
14'x40' (#1 w/ side door, lights, etc.)	1460	1490
Covered Storage 15'x45' (#8 through 11)	1790	1825
15'x45' with side door (#7 and 12)	1890	1925
Boats stored in the open		
- On concrete pads	500	390
- On the grass/dirt	300	190
Mail all payments to: Barbour River Club c/o Underwoods 4555 Sentinel Post Road Atlanta, GA 30327		



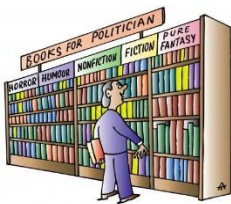
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and yet another
day has passed
and I did not
use Algebra
once...very
interesting.

Unfortunately our covered storage is completely full at the moment. We have only the two concrete parking pads available. I am reducing the price on them to \$390 a year, since nobody is buying. We are reducing open boat storage for the same reason (to \$190 per year -- \$15.84 per month). You get that free for your additional boats if you buy concrete or covered storage.

I am looking at possibly covering one of concrete pads and also building another 4 storage stalls. It would really help if you folks could let me know of your interest. You aren't obligated. My problem is to build them inexpensively enough while meeting the coastal building codes and still rent at a reasonable price. We have two potential renters on the waiting list, and I will keep you posted.

 Looks like folks have quit parking between the red  and the green markers with their trailers. This really helps in using the long parking spaces further back. If the roadway gets blocked, it's hard to get through the trees to reach them. Thanks!

Don't forget to get a flu shot. If you don't and catch whatever goes around, no telling who you might give it to. The shot is pretty much painless and without risk.



Have you noticed that our free lending library seems to average out at just about the capacity of our bookshelves. There is a steady turnover of books, and hardbacks seem to be displacing paperbacks to some extent. I get stuff to read regularly, and I can't say

that the offerings are at all stale or dated. Please help yourself to rainy day reading material -- and bring some back.

"Pluff" (also spelled plough") mud --- This lowcountry term represents a unique entity -- the slippery, shiny brown-gray sucky mud with a distinctive smell of the tidal flats and spartina grass salt marshes.

We had a near emergency when someone's boat snagged the power lines going to the hoist. Fortunately no great damage was done, **but if your boat is tall, keep an eye on the wiring.**

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.



After 23 years in a wheelchair and the other difficulties from his head and hip injuries plus a recent bout with cancer, our son Jack passed away October 20th. We had a family service in Atlanta. For his McIntosh friends, there will be an on-the-water memorial at the clubhouse on **December 29th at 11 AM** – high tide. Part of his ashes will go into the Barbour and the rest has been buried in the Underwood family plot (going back 7 generations) in Blakely, Georgia. Members and other friends who would like to join us at the river will be most welcome. The service will be brief.

If you know anyone who might be interested in joining our waterfront community by purchasing his house at 1335 Goulds Landing Road, please ask them to call us. His children would like to sell.

“Three sheets to the wind” — in a state of drunkenness or intoxication. While one might assume that the word “sheet” represents the sail of the ship, it actually refers to the line used to control the sail. When several sheets were loose, a ship’s sail would flail wildly about, often causing the ship to appear to be staggering uncontrollably, as if in a drunken state. The expression was used to refer to drunkenness even during the age of sail and was often part of a sliding scale. When a sailor was just a wee bit tipsy, he was one sheet to the wind. Two sheets to the wind described a sailor who was well-oiled, while three sheets to the wind represented a sailor who was a stumbling, slurring mess.



Most of us are very proud of our coastal homes. We like to think that our Barbour River Club facilities

contribute to the awesomeness of your home here. Many of us like to share them with friends, and a few rent them out.

There are a few hurdles to jump over in making club facilities available to non-members living temporarily in your home.

1. If they use your boat with your membership sticker attached, the process is simple. You only have to realize that your membership agreement makes you liable for any damage to the club or other members’ property. The number of club boats stays the same.
2. If they want to use their own boat, it’s a little more complicated. They need to take out a membership of their own during their stay. We try to facilitate that with our \$95 one month trial membership. We have to get a sticker on their boat to meet our federal permit obligations.

This trial membership can usually help a tradesman who is working on your offshore property and wants to use his own boat to

come and go. ***To protect the club and its members, we reserve the right to refuse or revoke any trial membership that is or is likely to be abused.***

Don’t forget that you can check your VHF radio by calling Sea Tow on Channels 24, 25, 26, 27 or 28. Ask for a radio check and your recorded voice will come back to you automatically – checking transmit and receive.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

The holiday season is fast approaching. Bunny and I spent Thanksgiving at the river with at least some family. We have a lot to be thankful for including all of you. The waterfront is more fun with good company.

Jim and Karen Eising rank especially high on our list. They make Barbour River Club operations so much more pleasant for all of us, smoothing over the implications of various machine and natural malfunctions. If it has to do with boats and water, it’s gonna’ break sometime.

We will also be around to ring in the New Year with those into cold weather boating. We could get lucky and have a burst of mild weather as a Christmas gift. In any case, accept our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year on the Sapelo.

John Underwood

