

Underway

Newsletter of the Barbour River Yacht Club



Underway was originally published sort of quarterly or when the spirit moved 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 that time of the year again. Bunny and I wish you and yours a **Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry**

Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. The marshes are turning to gold, the temperatures are getting brisk, and there is still some very good fishing and boating available.

The Barbour River Club has undergone some noticeable improvements in the (too many) months since the last newsletter.

- **The most noticeable is the new roadway surface on the property.**



It is composed of 4 inches of reprocessed asphalt, heavily rolled under high pressure. It will hopefully hold up for many years. At the end of its expected long life, it will



provide an excellent base for whatever succeeds it. Cost worked out to about \$20 per foot or \$18,000 total. It is 907 feet long and 22 feet minimum width. If you see Charlie Rowe, be sure and tell him that he did a nice job. Bunny and I hope to continue re-investing any profits generated

by the club in improvements to enhance your membership value.



- **Ken Lopez** (Jim Eising's brother-in-law) and I have been taking down dead trees. While we had to burn the really large trunk sections and the smallest branches, we have amassed a large pile of two foot logs nicely sized for your fireplace. The best thing is that they are free for the taking. They are piled on the river side of the new roadway just before car parking begins.

- Bunny and I have increasingly felt that we have too many signs. I hope the rules have become second nature to most of you. We have done away with many of the lower quality or bedraggled ones in favor of a few heavy duty versions mounted on treated two inch lumber panels. **(Note that this does not mean the speed limits and other requests are not still in effect.)** We hope to continue the sign improvement project.



- **Steve Ellis cured the 24 volt tingle** that came from the inland hoist control box in wet weather (bad electrical connection in the control box).

- **Jim Eising** does a bigger job than most of us realize, fixing things that get broken before any of us are aware of the breakdown. He recently had to repair both toilets after



someone intentionally broke them loose from their mounting supports. He also fished out a roll of toilet paper crammed down one of them. We will be replacing them with new ones of higher quality, but bullet proof commodes aren't yet on the market.

He also regularly repairs the Coke machine. I know a lot of us enjoy the fifty cent pricing. I paid \$2.00 in an Atlanta doctors building recently. Let him know that we appreciate his efforts to stay ahead of the thoughtless vandals and report any events you see. Thanks, Jim, for doing an exceptional job.

Whoever is doing this damage, if you read this, please don't be yourself; be someone nicer!

Our storage sheds are full again. We have only one member on the waiting list. If you want one, please let us add your name. We won't hold you to it, but it's nice to know who to call when one is free. I am still searching for a source of additional covered storage that doesn't result in a ridiculous annual price.

We were delighted to hear that **Sapelo Hammock Golf Club** is serving sandwich lunches and deserts once more.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the restaurant is open from 10AM until 4 PM.

Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, they will have items from the Express Menu only available.

This is open to all, so I hope to see you there.

I got my annual Social Security notice last week. It says that it will cost 1.6% more to buy the same stuff in the next year. I assume that this is fairly accurate for the whole economy, since it is billed as a "cost of living" adjustment. We use that in setting next year's pricing to members – less a small friendship finagle factor.

Dues up \$11 (less than \$1 a month) to \$725 from \$714. (\$625 to Goulds Landing property owners per a long ago agreement).

Storage buildings change as follows:

Stall Number 1 -- \$1578 to \$1600

Numbers 2 thru 6 -- \$1460 to \$1480

Numbers 7 & 12 -- \$2035 to \$2065

Numbers 8 thru 11 -- \$1978 to \$2000

No changes on outside storage – There's a lot of room left. \$400 each for the concrete pads and \$200 for annual storage privileges on the grounds.

For any who find it stimulating to do the math, you will find that all increases are under 1.6%.

Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch!

As in previous years, my generous and benevolent wife is happy to accept payments at the former rates provided we receive them by December 31, 2019.

Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did.

If you need to find out when your dues are due, you can do so in any of the following ways:

- Look on the registration sticker you stuck on your boat.
- Look on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. There is a list of all members there with the information.

Call Bunny at **404-262-7599** if in doubt about the date for renewing your storage stall.

If you are due for either, within the first quarter, Bunny will enter the amounts in the following spaces:

Dues – renewal date & amount:

Storage – renewal date & amount:

A project we are keeping in mind for the spring is lunch cruises to interesting places such as Sunbury Crab Company, Fish dock, or perhaps Skippers in Darien. These would be led by a boat skipper very familiar with the route. We might even induce a mechanic to go along for emergencies. Let us know your thoughts on this or other activities.

We have had several inquiries for a **social membership** like the golf club has. It would include use of all facilities except launching with the hoist and leaving boats on the docks. Fishing would be fine. I was thinking about \$100 per year which would go against the \$150 initiation fee should the social member convert to regular membership. We would welcome comments.

Don't forget to hold the date for our 5th annual Nautical Flea Market on the 2nd Saturday in April.

Bunny and I hope to see you soon – on the deck at the clubhouse over a glass of wine or better yet, on the water. Treasure the days left before bitter cold descends on us and use them wisely.

John Underwood