

# *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***



The calendar is now approaching the Holiday Season. Maybe this will get to you by Halloween. So far, 2020 has seemed like continuous Halloween. Ghosties and Goblins abound.

Bunny and I definitely want to extend our heartfelt wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year. I am not sure that 2020 lived up to our wishes from last year. Covid 19 virus, the resulting financial tumult, and all the new rules for polite and safe behavior and even the cancellation of our flea market have most of us shaking our heads. The New Year wish is particularly appropriate considering all the crap we have had to endure in 2020. I hope none of you have lost family or friends, but it may well have happened to some we hold dear. You certainly have our condolences.



We had to spend over \$4000 repairing our hoists recently. They are somewhat exposed, even when the sign that requests they be returned under the canopy is honored (as most of you do). It's good to center them under the canopy and raise them enough to minimize rain impact. The damages discovered were mostly due to corrosion and wear. They were busy all year and performed well, as they have for several years.

I think all of you have enjoyed our entrance road paved late last year. Early morning trailers rattling over the bumps don't wake us anymore, and dust is greatly diminished. Now if we can just get the county to pave Goulds Landing Road, this final half mile of your trip to BRYC will be less of a trial. We are working on it, but if you know any local public servants who might be helpful, please speak to them.

Our membership is made up of nearby island residents (who get very little for their high taxes), McIntosh boaters from the area, and others who journey from places as far away as Vermont and New Mexico to cruise and fish our waters. All spend a lot of money with local merchants including sales taxes. That road serves many more than just the few that actually live on Goulds Landing Road. It features a pretty high traffic count and some of the boats are really heavy.

This half mile dirt road is not really equipped for the heavy boat and vehicle traffic we have. Hopefully it will soon be a candidate with the county for paving. It has become much narrower than our 22 foot entrance drive and suffers regular and deep mud holes. There exists a 50 foot easement on the lots fronting it, so there should be no property squabbles.



Our firewood pile has been enhanced several times through our steady flow of dead limbs and trees falling plus the clearing of land for our new boat shelters – now almost completed. Cozy fireplace weather is upon us.

Some of you have voiced a desire to have a club burgee to fly on your boat for festive events.



Bunny and I share that enthusiasm and also want one to put atop our flag mount. We have found two companies that will make them in small quantities – as little as one. Price isn't bad (under \$30 including freight on the blue one and maybe half that on the white). The design isn't frozen. Both are two sided and all weather screen printed. Both are also 12" x 18". We haven't seen a sample of the white one. There may be a good reason for the price difference.

We know embroidered versions would last longer, but the price would leap out of sight, and the setup costs and required quantity soars. We bought a sample to examine and fly from our flag mount. We have the second possibility on order, too. Let us know if you are interested in one and your

thoughts on which via email or in conversation.  
([mail@barbourriverclub.com](mailto:mail@barbourriverclub.com).)

Note: If you don't get an occasional email from us with hoist/road shutdown warnings or other news, send us an email at the above address so we will update your record. Our computer may have had a hiccup or, you may not have included it on your initial application.

As in the past, **we will accept payment for memberships and storage fees paid before January 1<sup>st</sup> at this year's level regardless of when it is due in 2021.**

**Storage buildings rent** changes as follows:

Stall Number 1 -- \$1600 to \$1640 for 2021

Numbers 2 thru 6 -- \$1480 to \$1510 for 2021

Numbers 7 & 12 -- \$2065 to \$2110 for 2021

Numbers 8 thru 11 -- \$2000 to \$2040 for 2021

*All are full for now -- with a short waiting list -- but the new building may open some up.*

No changes on open storage – There's a lot of room left, even with the new building. \$400 each for the two concrete pads and \$200 for annual storage privileges on the bare grounds, including that cleared for later buildings. Paying any of the different storage fees allows you parking for any reasonable number of boats and/or trailers on the open grounds. No unregistered derelicts, please.

**Dues rise for regular membership from \$725 to \$740. Goulds Landing property owners, \$625 to 640, thanks to mild inflation.**

Bunny is including a self-addressed envelope along with my usual drivel for all members due December through March.

Your membership renewal date is \_\_\_\_\_

Storage, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_

The new open fronted storage shed stalls aren't in



this program yet, because we haven't finished spending money on them. They are 40 feet deep, 14 feet wide (actually about 13' 4" clear between the entry posts), 14 + feet high, and each bay has a stainless U-bolt in the concrete that can be locked to trailer safety chains to enhance security. The 6-stall building will have walls on three sides, and hopefully will soon include power in each stall, general lighting, and a flushing / wash-down station. Here is a picture of progress so far.

**Storage cost for it looks near \$800 per year.** I must have been dreaming when I thought I could get by for around \$600. Even though they are

supposed to handle hurricanes, I felt called upon to enhance bracing and amenities. Retired engineers can't resist. Who knows what Mother Nature can dish up. \$800 is around half what the older all steel buildings rent for. It is oversubscribed, and we may have to start another if the waiting list holds.

By the time you get this, I hope the slab will be poured and maybe the walls will be up. We left space for two more 6-bay buildings – either like the one under construction or like the all steel ones with doors. The latter cost well over twice as much as the current project to build.



We have a new family member. Her name is Penny. She is 50% pure bred American Foxhound. The other half represents a canine "traveling salesman" group. We had her DNA swab tested.

She is definitely Bunny's dog – I am considered "staff". She's young and very affectionate -- prone to dash about the club grounds without looking. I know there are a number of other dogs visiting with club members and their friends. We urge you again to hold your speed down on the property – 10 MPH. Little kids and a few old goats like me complete the "at-risk" group. Keep it down and avoid a tragedy.



***Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love, they depart to teach us about loss. A new dog never replaces an old dog, it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many dogs your heart is very big.***

Don't forget to hold the **2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April for the Nautical Flea Market**. Surely we will have ample virus solutions by then – or at least adequate coping mechanisms. With what you accumulated for last year's sale plus what you add between now and then, and with the lady of the house demanding you clean out, we should have a really big sale.

It's great that the Club works so well as a refuge from Covid 19 – continuous breeze, room to distance, and great boating/fishing. Our membership is up more than 10%. I think we have all made a good investment. Bunny and I look forward to seeing you in the yard, on the docks, and on the waters. Life is good on Harris Neck especially at the Barbour River (Yacht) Club.

*John Underwood*