

# Creekside Splash

## Letter From Our President:

Greetings! Hope everyone is continuing to enjoy this great fall weather! Now is some of the best time to use our boats.

We are having a good year at Creekside. The best indication is we all are using our boats more. "Activity" is up, fuel sales are up, another indication that we are on the water more than in the past.

Financially we are in good shape too! We had some concerns about meeting our projections this year, but with some adjustments in capital expense and payroll, we were able to offset the fact that we still own a third forklift and slip sales are off. We should be very close to our year end financial projection.

Funny how that third forklift has been a financial strain but a blessing when the other two gave us problems.

In a few weeks we will hold our Annual Meeting. Be watching for your notification letter in the mail, soon. We hope everyone is able to attend. If you are unable to be there be sure to forward your proxy to the office.

Hope to see you in November, and enjoy the balance of 2009' on the water.

Thanks,  
Jay Ferguson

## Comments From Tommy:

It was good to see all of you back this summer and all the crew here at the club enjoyed working with, and for you. Winter will be here before you know it, but right now is a great time to enjoy your boat.

We do most of our maintenance during the winter and I would like to mention a few of the projects we will be doing. Replacing a portion of the drive leading into the loading ramp which will necessitate us holding off putting boats in the water for a few days. If you wish, we can put your boat in the water prior to starting the repairs so that you will have access to it while the work is being done. We plan to do this particular job in late Jan. or the first of Feb. We will let you know the exact date



later. We will also be replacing some concrete in front of the service dept., replacing and repainting some of the steel beams in the storage barns, also some dock repairs, plus additional lights in the paved parking areas. The gas line from the tank to the dock has a 20 year life span and it had that birthday last year, so we will be replacing and relocating that line before we have trouble with it. This summer we purchased a few more tables and chairs for the lounge and upper deck.

In this issue we are printing again the article on Ethanol gas (E-10). As you know we do not sell E-10 here, but a lot of places do. Don't forget it's not good for your lawn mowers, etc. either. Please read this article it is very informative.

If you have any questions about the club operations or any suggestions, please let me know.

Enjoy,  
Tommy

## **Winter Club Hours & Upcoming Events:**

October 1<sup>st</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>  
8am - 5pm  
(last call 4:30 pm)  
**Closed Tuesday's**

Annual Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 4pm  
Creekside clubhouse

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours:  
Open: Tuesday Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Closed: Wednesday Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>  
Closed: Thursday Nov. 26

Flotilla Party: Saturday Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> 3 pm – 6pm

Christmas Holiday Hours:  
Open: Tuesday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Closed: Thursday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Closed: Friday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

New Year Holiday Hours:  
Open: Tuesday Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>  
Closed: Thursday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>  
Closed: Friday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Dock Master Paul:**

We are winding down from a busy summer ( the busiest I've seen in my tenure here).

Winterizations are crucial, if you don't plan on using your boat periodically through the winter (see service). If you have any questions about detailing or covering your boat for the winter give us a call. Remember, dock space is always an issue, so do your repairs at the work-rack or talk to us and we will accommodate you inside the building, if space is available (this will be important for the Holiday Flotilla weekend).

Happy Holidays, and if we don't see you this winter, we look forward to seeing you in the spring.

Thank you,

Paul Allen  
Dock Master

### **Important Reminders:**

- Please don't forget that until children turn 13 years old they are required by N.C. State Law to wear a safety life jacket at all times while on a boat.
- Fuel is Self Serve
- Please try not to block fuel area when cleaning your boat.
- Boats cannot be left on the work-rack all day if not being worked on.
- Tell the office what you want to do with your boat when finished (leave in, take out, etc.) Do not tell dock employees.
- We need an extra set of keys for your boat if you have not already done so.
- Remember to purchase a parking pass if you don't already have one.
- Remember to use the key drop box if you return to dock after we close.
- The upstairs lounge can be rented out for party functions, weddings, rehearsal dinners, birthdays, etc. We do not rent it out on major holiday's.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times as per Creekside By Laws.
- Battery Dead? We will be happy to help you get it started.

### **NOTICE:**

There is a new N.C. Boating Law to take effect May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Take heed because you must prepare for it prior to that date.

To simplify it here are the basics:

No person shall operate a boat with a motor of 10HP or greater on the waters of the state unless he has met the following requirements.

- I: (1) You must be 26 years old or over.  
(2) You must complete and pass a boating safety course and have proof of such with you.  
(3) Operate the vessel under onboard supervision of someone who is at least 18 years old, and who has met the state requirements.

There are several other requirements so go to the Cape Fear Sail and Power Squadron web site [www.capefearpowersquadron.org](http://www.capefearpowersquadron.org) to have this fully explained.

II: Personal Watercraft:

- (1) Except as otherwise provided, no person under 16 years of age shall operate a personal watercraft, and it is unlawful for the owner of the craft to knowingly allow someone under 16 to operate it, unless, the person is accompanied by someone at least 18 years of age who is in compliance with the state law. A person 14 years old but under 16 years of age may operate a personal watercraft if there is a person 18 years old on board and is in compliance with the state law. No one under 14 years old regardless.

**Remember this law takes effect May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 so prepare for it!**





**Seacoast Marine Service Inc:**

Seacoast Marine Services, Inc. would like to thank all the customers at Creekside Yacht Club. We had a great season in 2009'.

Things are getting geared up in service for the winterizing season. We will have, in house canvas repair, gel coat repair and full service of your engines and boat. Winterize letters will go out Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Hours of operation: Monday thru Friday 8am-5pm.

Saturdays 8am-12pm.

To contact us at the service department please call:

Office: 910-350-0856

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Thank you for your business,  
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Seacoast Marine Service, Inc.

**Notice:** Need a place for your guest's to stay?  
We have a corporate rate agreement with Wingate Inn on Market Street. The rate is \$89.00 plus tax year round, which includes a continental breakfast. A great place to stay for you and your guests!! Just tell them you are with Creekside Yacht Club.



**Creekside Dock Staff:**



Paul Allen  
Dock Master



Alex Carter  
Assistant Dock Master



Scott Carter



Jonas Rayle



Jay Sawyer



Ty Rutledge

**Send us your fishing photo's:**



Lori, J.P. and Johnny Little (flounder)

*"Boating is a great way to spend the day"*

Another Reminder  
about Ethanol



E-10 is ninety percent gasoline and ten percent ethanol which is a highly refined grain alcohol made from corn. This mixture works well in cars but not necessarily in boats. Ethanol loves water and can absorb about a half-gallon of water for every 100 gallons of fuel. Adding E-10 to a fuel tank with accumulated water can as much as double the level of unburnable sludge in the bottom of the tank raising it above the pick-up tube. This can shut down and even destroy an engine.

When operating a marine engine on gasoline containing alcohol, storage of gasoline in the fuel tank for long periods should be avoided. Remember E-10 has a shorter shelf life than gas.

E-10 can clog fuel filters because its alcohol removes accumulated varnish deposits (from gasoline) on fuel tank walls. This is not just chipping away slowly, it literally just falls off the walls.

Alcohol causes huge problems in boats with fiberglass fuel tanks, unless specifically built with ethanol-resistant resins. Ethanol dissolves the resin, allowing it to flow right through the filters and deposit on intake valves. Alcohol will also eat the inside of old fuel hoses, though fuel hoses installed since 1984 should be alcohol safe. The experts recommend changing fuel hoses every 10 to 12 years even if they appear sound outside.

Most all of the gas stations in the Wilmington area are now selling E-10 gasoline. Here at the club we are not at this time. We have to get our fuel out of Selma. We will certainly let you know when we have to change over. Never I hope.

On the good side there are 2 additives called Startron and Sta-Bil (available in our ship store) which is formulated to help counteract the problem with E-10. Also you should fill your tank with gas and this additive when you store it for the winter.

Should you have any questions about E-10, please feel free to call me and I'll try to answer with the little knowledge I have on this subject.

Tommy Vann



“not just a slip but a lifestyle”

P.S. The Flotilla needs more boats !!!!