



TMTA NEWSLETTER

March 2007 Next meeting March 21st at the Pilot House
**At 6:30 PM, Please call 462-7018 for reservations. Please DO NOT
CALL THE PILOT HOUSE!**



The TMTA had its first marina tour on Thursday, February 22nd. Special thanks to Keith Ruse (Deltaville Marina and Deltaville Boatyard) and Jim Wagner (Regent Point Marina) for two wonderful tours. The day was cold, but the tours and the resulting conversation was awesome. We'll be getting feedback from those involved to see how to make the next one better. If anyone has any questions, please call Martha Heric at 804 758 4975.

(1) EPIRBs may be rented for a vacation boat trip at \$40.00@ week plus shipping. Call Boat US Foundation at 1 888-66-EPIRB between noon and 5 PM. Advanced reservations are recommended

(2) Both houses have now passed identical a mandatory boating education requirement. It now goes to the Governor for his signature. If he signs it, enforcement begins July 1, 2008. An email to the governor might help. Email: On the web at www.governor.gov click on "contact the governor".

(3) **National Forum to Address Water Access Issues**

Market Forces Squeezing Out Traditional Uses "Working Waterways & Waterfronts - A National Symposium on Water Access," is drawing interest from across the country and even several foreign nations, Virginia Sea Grant reports.

According to conference co-chairman, Thomas Murray, the breadth of interest in the conference shows that the challenge of preserving public access to the water is not isolated to certain U.S. regions.

"It seems that coastal management professionals, land use planners and water-dependent businesses are grappling with this issue all around our coasts and even abroad," Murray said. "It's obviously an extremely timely topic."

The symposium, set for May 9 to 11, 2007 at the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel, will bring together experts from many fields to explore solutions to the loss of water access that is hindering recreational boaters, commercial fishermen and water-dependent businesses around the nation's coasts.

The conference will present an array of "tools" that municipalities and individual citizens can use in their home communities to protect and preserve waterfront access. Presentations will highlight case studies of successful preservation programs initiated in 14 different states from Maine to California. In addition, a panel of legal experts will discuss regulatory options available to state and local governments.

Experts from boating, fishing and marine manufacturing industries will guide discussions on how the loss of water access affects water-dependent businesses. Invited speakers include: Thom Dammrich, president of National Marine Manufacturers Association; Katherine Andrews, executive director of Coastal States Organization; John Dunnigan, assistant administrator of NOAA and William Hogarth, director of NOAA Fisheries Service.

Conference registration is \$325 prior to April 1 and \$375 on or after April 1. A daily rate of \$115 is also available. Registration may be completed online through the conference Web site at, www.wateraccess2007.com or by calling College of William and Mary Conference Services, 1-800-249-0179.

(4) Flotilla 62, U.S.C.G. Auxiliary in Deltaville will be offering Boating Safety and Seamanship class starting Monday March 26, 7:00 PM at the training center on Ball Park Road in Deltaville. To obtain a poster for you customer bulletin board. call 804 776 0284.

(5) Any TMTA business may set up a display to recruit employees at the Northern Neck Tech Center Career Fair Wed March 28, 2007. For details call Deborah Hughes at 804 333 4940 or email dhughes@wmlcps.org.

(6) Listen to Radio program on March 27, station 99.1 FM to hear a discussion of the High School Marine Trade Program.

- (7) All TMTA members are asked to email Ron Hall ron@fishingbay.com to let him know about any courses/classes you see that are available. Ron will post them all on the website education page which should be completed by May 2007.
- (8) The TMTA Board has been discussing a port services book nominally called "Land AHOY" which is a free to the public marine supply and service directory. Karen Knull will be handing out an Excel Spreadsheet at the March 21 meeting for all members to put in their information. The book will have categories similar to the "Port Book" put out in Annapolis. It is our desire to list all marine related services in our area. Members will receive a descriptive listing for free and several category listings. Non-members will have to pay for both. The objective is to provide a service to the boating public while advertising for our businesses. The fees will be structured to entice new members to join. Advertising space will also be available.
- (9) Your suggestions are welcomed regarding a proposed "Open House" meeting in September with a notable guest speaker.
- (10) Mark Drexler, Marine Trade Program, will have students looking for jobs. Please call Mark if you need employees 804-785-2628.
- (11) "Marina Wet and Dry Lease Agreements" will be the topic led by Eleanor Cash of Locklies Marina at this month's meeting on March 21th. There will be no speaker at the annual TMTA family/friends meeting on April 19th.
- (12) As first announced in July 2004, the NMMA Boat & Yacht Certification program was updated to require manufacturers to incorporate a Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) program into their processes. The final deadline for manufacturers to have an operational CSI program in place is **July 31, 2007**. If you have questions: Terry Leitz, director of CSI programs, at (312) 946-6212; tleitz@nmma.org.
- (13) The following minutes were taken by RCC at the RCC Marine Trades Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Meeting on March 8, 2007 at 5 p.m. at the Workforce and Community Development Center, Glens Campus. Most of the original team from TMTA were at the meeting and all of us came back encouraged by the progress that the school is making. Here are the minutes:
- Dr. Crowther welcomed the group to RCC. Maureen Murphy shared the success of the dual enrollment program at the Northern Neck Technical Center. Mark Drexler, program head, is doing a great job and has the students fully engaged. Mark is in Atlanta this week participating in marine training. Currently, the new pilot program at NTTC has eight students. Student interns will be placed at various boatyards/marina during the summer. The marine trades program will be replicated at the Glens Campus in August '07. Mark Drexler will teach the Middle Peninsula students in the morning at Glens and travel to the NNTC for afternoon classes with NN students.
- Ken Knull suggested that students have knowledge of handling lines and boats prior to their internships. There was discussion on equipment needs for the program. Randy Long will get a list of needs and will distribute to boatyards/marinas for possible donations. Randy Long and Wallace Lemons will begin radio ads for the dual enrollment program within the next few weeks. Increased awareness of the program is essential. Guidance counselors need more knowledge of the marine industry.

Maureen announced the Schooner Scholarship in the amount of \$2000 plus \$500 for travel for a first year student. This is a great opportunity for students. Dr. Crowther discussed the partnership between RCC and ABYC for a "Center of Excellence." The Center of Excellence site will be developed at a limited number of post secondary marine training schools distributed geographically around the country. The "area" of specialization has not yet been determined. It was suggested to choose an environmentally conducive area of specialization. Dr. Crowther will communicate with ABYC on the progress of the Center of Excellence. Tom Murray suggested and will support a major "media splash" on the announcement of the Center of Excellence.

Gayle Wood gave an update of participation from the industry on the following ABYC certification classes: Electrical, Basic Marine, Diesel, and Gasoline. In fall '06, the Basic Marine had five participants. The other classes have been cancelled due to low or no enrollments. No new industry certifications are needed by the industry at this time. It was agreed to advertise the ABYC certifications again in the upcoming RCC schedules. Ken Knull agreed to promote and distribute class schedules for the upcoming fall '07 and winter/fall '08 calendar years to the TMTA membership.

Dr. Crowther discussed the composition of the Official Citizen's Advisory Committee. The College Board approves advisory committees for all industry clusters. Names from the marine industry will be presented to the Board for approval in May '07. The committee will convene at least twice during the school year. Notification of meetings will be forwarded.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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