



TMTA NEWS

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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Officers and Directors for 2005/06: Officers:

President- Ken Knull
Vice President- Keith Ruse
Secretary- Onna Grim
Treasurer- Martha Heric

Directors:

Janice Clark, Membership
Eleanor Cash
Lynn Haynie
Guy Sorensen
Don McCann, temporary editor, Newsletter

Dear Fellow TMTA Members

We had an interesting and lively discussion at the last meeting concerning the strategic plan for our association. I hope that more of you will be able to attend in the future so that we can indeed get everyone's inputs! At our recent board meeting we again brought up the subject of our future direction as an organization. One of our board members noted how the long term association members seem to be less involved all of a sudden and wondered if they felt that we were in fact going in a direction that was not representative of the membership's interests or desires.

We are a group of individuals with related interests in the marine industry. We want our organization to be united in any direction that we decide to move! But in order to have your inputs, you need to participate as in any democratic process.

I think that the most signifi-

cant thing that has come from discussions so far (and they are only discussions, no direction has been set) is that we need to revisit our by-laws to see if they accurately represent what we want to be as we continue to evolve.

A couple of things stand out in particular. Article II, Section 2, establishes that the regular members must be "actively engaged in the retail sale, construction, and service of boats and motors, or in the wholesale marine business." This makes a lot of our members non-voting or "Associate Members" (Article II, Section 3). Is this what we really want? Do we want to exclude from voting folks like the Charter Boat Captains, and the dock builders, marine surveyors, etc. from voting or do we want to actively encourage them to join us and be full voting members?

In order to do this, we need to amend the by-laws. Our founding fathers made provisions of this in Article VIII. The Board of Directors has to first propose an amendment in writing to the entire mem-

bership and then a vote has to be taken that has to pass by three fourths of the members present at a regular meeting. Just as a heads up, we will be making the proposal to eliminate Section II Article III (the Associate Member category) and add the following words to the end of Section II Article II after the current last word "business" we would like to add the words "and in all marine related businesses". I will be mailing out this proposed change before our next meeting.

Please consider how this might affect our organization and how many more businesses might be encouraged to join if they are in fact full voting members. The Board, if this passes, would like to then propose an active campaign to get local businesses to join that otherwise would not have been able to become voting members.

See you on the 16th.
Ken Knull

THE NEXT MEETING IS THIS WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH
OUR SPEAKER IS CHAD FRECKMANN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BLUE RIDGE CLEAN FUELS

- Pilot House Restaurant, Topping, VA Call (804) 462-7018 to make your reservation. If there is no answer, please leave a message!
- Guest Meal Fee: \$15.00
- Menu: Salad, Prime Rib, Crab Cake, Baby Potatoes, Salad and a yummy dessert.
- PLEASE BE SURE TO CALL FOR RESERVATIONS AT LEAST BY MONDAY SO THAT THE PILOT HOUSE CAN BE READY FOR US!

EDUCATIONAL UPDATE

The Landing School, probably the most recognized marine trades training facility in the nation, will be offering an Introduction to Direct Current (DC) Electrical Systems beginning Monday, December 5, at VIMS. This course is designed for marine technicians interested in gaining experience with the Direct Current (DC) Electrical Systems installed on boats, commercial vessels, and yachts. It is designed for entry- and intermediate-level technicians, and combines both theoretical and practical elements. The course is a foundation for additional course work leading up to an American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) certification exam preparation course. Students that successfully complete this course will receive a Certificate of Completion and 3.2 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from *The Landing School*. For additional information contact the Landing School
tel: 207-985-7976 ~ fax: 207-985-7942
e-mail: info@landingschool.edu ~ www.landingschool.edu

Course Information

Course Title : Introduction to Direct Current (DC) Electrical Systems
Course Dates: Monday, December 5, 2005 through Friday, December 9, 2005
Course Location: Vessel Operations Workshop Newport Hall
Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)
1208 Greate Road
Gloucester, VA 23062
Check In : 8:00 – 8:30 AM, Monday, December 5, 2005
Course Time : 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM daily (one hour daily lunch break)
Tuition: \$995 per student (includes supplies and tool use), paid in advance

Tools : The Landing School will provide all tools required for demonstrations and labs. Students are welcome to bring personal tools as well. A list of tools used in this course is available from The Landing School. The Landing School assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged personal tools.

DIRECTIONS TO VIMS AND THE VESSEL OPERATIONS WORKSHOP NEWPORT HALL , VIMS ALONG WITH A CAMPUS MAP CAN BE FOUND AT

[HTTP://WWW.VIMS.EDU/WELCOME/CAMPUS.HTML](http://www.vims.edu/welcome/campus.html)

*The Landing School
Center for Continuing
Education Expands to
Tidewater Virginia*

MORE EDUCATION

As a reminder, the Workforce and Community Development office of RCC, The Atlantic Boat & Yacht Trades School in collaboration with ABYC will offer its Marine Trades Training Series in Virginia in 2006 to certify attendees on the following:

Basic Marine Engine

When: February 6-8, 2006
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Cost : \$279
Book: \$100 (RCC Bookstore)
Instructor: Dave Peresluha

Diesel Engine & Support Certification

When: February 13 & 14, 2006
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Cost: \$400 **Book:** \$100
Instructor: Dave Peresluha

Gasoline Engine & Support Certification

When: February 15 & 16, 2006
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Cost: \$400 **Book:** \$100 (available at RCC's bookstore)

Electrical Certification

When: February 20-23, 2006
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Course Cost: \$400
Book: \$100

In addition to the ABYC certified courses, RCC is also offering a non-certification course to introduce attendees to outboard engine technology, and a second course on Advanced Outboards to bring currently employed outboard technicians to a higher level of expertise.

For more information, contact the Workforce and Community Development office of RCC at 804-333-6828

WEBSITE STATUS

The Website is operational and every paid up member should have received your log on and password information by now. If you have not, it is probably because we do not have a current email address for you. If you haven't received your log on and password, please contact Ken Knull at 804-462-7018 or ken@yankeepointmarina.com.

The web site designer is in the process of developing pages for education and employment. Please let Ken also know if you have any suggestions on what you would like to see in those pages. Currently, our plan for the Education page is to list all marine related courses offered through ABYC/RCC or RCC directly as well as selected other offerings as they are identified (for example the Landing School Course for Electronics). Anyone wishing to have a course listed would be able to click on a "Contact Us" button which would then send an email to the Education page administrator. That individual (to be named later - when someone volunteers) would have the access password and login to add, edit or delete classes as appropriate.

We would have basically the same set up for the Employment page which would be set up in two parts, Help Wanted and Employment Wanted. A hot key would allow an employer or a potential employee to send an email to the administrator who would then add a job with pertinent information and contact data or a name and contact information for an individual seeking employment to the appropriate section of the page.

If anyone has any other website suggestions, please get them to Ken Knull before November 18. At that point we will consider the site design complete.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

REGENT POINT MARINA

Jim Wagner is the new owner of Regent Point Marina, a sailboat marina offering 130 slips in a quiet park like setting just off the Rappahannock River. The marina facilities include on site ice, deluxe bath houses, 30 amp electric service, lockers, picnic areas, bikes and kayaks, complimentary dingy storage and pump out. There is a resale boat brokerage and also a Tartan dealer. Regent Point Marina has recently expanded its boat yard operations and broadened the services that it now offers. With the hiring of Rob Powell (formerly from Norfolk Boat Works) there is now a full time professional managing the repair and hauling operation. Rob brings over 25 years of experience in the marine trades. Some of the services now available include ground storage for over ninety boats with lifting capacity of 30,000 pounds. There is an on site crane with lifting capacity of 15 tons and a reach of 60 feet for all types of mast repair. General mechanical and engine repairs as well as hull and fiberglass repairs are now offered. The new facility includes a large boat barn for all season repairs. Do-it-yourself repairs are allowed and vacuum sanders are available for rent.

www.regent-point.com
