

TMTA NEWS

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President's Message *by Mark Drexler*

Dear Fellow TMTA Members,

I received a call from a new member this week expressing a great deal of excitement about TMTA and the great group of people they are associated with. The new member was impressed with our meetings and the resources available through TMTA.

One of the most important benefits of being involved with TMTA is the opportunity "Network" with other individuals and businesses who offer a lot of experience with the Marine Trades. We also have resources in our Library of materials. We have the ability to find other materials to be made available as needed. If any member needs some resources that we presently do not have in our Library, let us know and we will acquire them for use by all members.

Your Board of Directors and Officers are working on revising the website for TMTA. We will probably have a new website for the Marine Trade School which will highlight our hard work on this effort.

In closing, I would like to invite anyone who is interested in being on the Board of Directors or and Officer to let me know. Also we need people to help out on Committee's. Please take some time to consider this. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 20th. We will have a great program and will continue our discussion/update on the Marine Trade School. Please attend or send a representative for an evening of good fellowship, good food and a good time.

Regards, Mark G. Drexler E-Mail sales@yorkrivermarine.com

Next Meeting will be October 20, 2004 at 6:30 PM

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, Crab Cakes, Bake Chicken, Cherry Pie and Ice Cream
 - PLEASE BE SURE TO CALL FOR RESERVATIONS AT LEAST BY MONDAY SO THAT THE PILOT HOUSE CAN BE READY FOR US!
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Treasurer's Report...*by Peter Hall*

Bills for dues for fiscal year 2004-2005 went our August first to all members of record. Most of you have already renewed your membership, but there are still some who have yet to do so. To you I say, we need your continued support. We're involved with two major issues which will benefit the membership of TMTA. The marine trade school is about to announce its first class offering. Also, we are continuing to investigate the personal property tax on boats issue to find an equitable solution. All of this takes time and money. So, please send in your renewal dues now.

Clean Marina Award... *by Pete Hall*

Congratulations to Ken and Karen Knull of Yankee Point Sailboat Marina on achieving the Virginia Clean Marina designation. They join the ranks of 19 other marinas who have, over the past two years, achieved this designation.

Virginia Clean Marina Program Funding... *by Hall, Peter*

I'd like to take just a moment to ask for your support in a letter writing campaign to members of the General Assembly to enlist their support to provide continued funding for this very necessary and worthwhile program. You see, the funding for it will run out in June 2005. After that we will need to get funding from the state budget in order to keep the program running. A key thought to keep in mind is that without this program we would be opening ourselves up to the necessity for implementing alternative mandatory federal non-point pollution

management regulatory measures. This we certainly do not want. So, I ask that you take a few moments to write or e-mail representatives in the General Assembly and ask for their support of funding for this program.

If you will e-mail me at <petehall@vims.edu> I will send you a sample letter that you can use for this purpose. Thanks, and let me hear from you soon. Pete Hall, Marina Technical Specialist at VIMS.

Tucker Marine... All Rumors Aside, Tucker Marine is not closing its doors! *by Richard Tucker*

After twenty- seven years at the helm of Tucker Marine Corp.

I feel that I deserve a little R&R. Effective January 1,

2005 I will be turning the business over to my faithful co-workers of many years, Dale Lee Callis and Richard Allen Callis. Dale and Richard are looking forward to continuing our tradition of sales and service where you need it. Actually, I plan to help them about three hundred hours per year during the peak seasons. Do not hesitate to call Dale for your stern drive concerns or Richard for your outboards.

I thank you for what you have done for our industry in your region and I sincerely hope that the fruits of our labors will continue to provide for us all. And that is the rest of the story. Sincerely, Richard Tucker

New Members to TMTA:

We are happy to announce the following new members to our organization:

Martha Heric and Joe Heyman owners of Crown Pointe Marina

Crown Pointe Marina is a 235 slip marina located just minutes off the Chesapeake Bay on the York River in Gloucester. The marina offers transient storage, a fuel dock (diesel and gas), haul out and dry storage, swimming pools, air conditioned bath facilities, and a convenience store. We offer wet and dry slips for rent on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis. Transient boaters may reach us on Channel 16. The marina was purchased in August 2004 by a local family after having been owned and operated by the Cook family (as Cooks Landing) for over thirty years. Martha and Joe are implementing a renovation which promises to capture the magnificence of the property and its fabulous location. Improvements to the property include repair and upgrading of the site features, expansion of service hours to the public, reconstruction of piers and slips, improvements to the pools and landscaping, extension of cable to the slips, high speed internet access in a business center on site, computerized inventory and scheduling systems for more efficient customer assistance, improved services for transient boaters, and general upgrading of the facilities. Additional improvements such as the construction of dry storage and a larger travel lift are planned for the future.

John and Lynn Olivier owners of John Olivier Marine Systems, Inc.

John and Lynn Olivier sailed from South Africa to the United States in 1991 in a 30 foot sailboat they built themselves. John's background is in Electrical Engineering with experience in refrigeration, air conditioning, electrical, pneumatic and hydraulic control instrumentation. He is certified by ABYC, Raymarine, Marine Air, Cruisair, Naiad Stabilizers and Vacuflush Systems and has a USCG Captains License. Based in Lottsburg, John offers troubleshooting and repair services to most boat systems, sail and power, in all areas of the Northern Neck at reasonable prices.

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