



Whoo News November 2016

Happy Thanksgiving!

Yes, it is November; the time is changing again, we are seeing commercials for Christmas and just finished up with Halloween. What a great time to celebrate fall with carving pumpkins and dressing up scary or nice and eating delicious food. This starts the sweets that we all say "I will not eat those cookies or candy", and then we do - all through January 2nd kicking off the New Year. Oh well, it's a great time to enjoy family and friends, not to mention your boat and the beautiful fall Delta weather. So, as we move forward to the remainder two months of 2016 let's enjoy this time and keep moving forward.

Devery,
Max, Abby, Stephanie,
Twitchell and Capt.
Jack Sparrow

What's Happening.....

November 6th

Daylight Savings Time Ends. Time to set the clocks back 1 hour until next year.

November 8th

Election Day! This should be a very interesting day - remember your Vote counts.

November 11th

Veteran's Day. Let us celebrate the service of all U.S. Military Veteran's.

November 23rd

We will be closing early so that we can all enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

Week of November 20th

There will be no pumpouts this week

November 24th - 25th

The office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving. We will be back to work on Saturday, November 26th.

December 10th

Daytime Christmas Potluck starting at Noon. We will have the turkey and ham, please bring a side dish to share. Hope you can come.

December 25th - 26th

Merry Christmas to all. We will be closed and back to work on Tuesday, December 27th.

January 1st 2017

Happy New Years! We will be closed New Year's Day and back at it to kick off the New Year Monday, January 2nd with a bang.

Have an idea for a fun time, please give us a call or email to see if we can add it to the events. We want to have what you want - it's all about having fun and living.

We will be making new and exciting changes for the up coming New Year 2017, so be sure to follow us by Newsletter or Email.



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We had our own fortune teller who told us only good things to come!

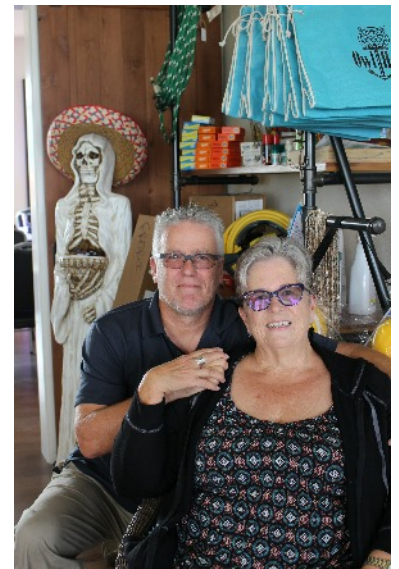


Pumpkin Carving Potluck

Kids loved it and adults couldn't get enough!



Costumes were Optional, so long as you had a good time!



One is never too old to have fun!

Devery, Kurtis and Cassandra (along with her two boys) getting into the spirit.



What do you know about Safety?

1. True or False: If my boat doesn't contain any fire hazards from the motor or fuel system, then according to Federal requirements, I don't need to bring a fire extinguisher along.
2. True or False: Children younger than 13 years old should wear a Lifejacket while underway.
3. True or False: If someone falls overboard, the first thing you should do is jump in right away to assist them.
4. True or False: A dock or slip should be always approached at clutch speed.
5. True or False: 25% of all boating accidents involve a personal watercraft that was borrowed.
6. True or False: Boats that are 16 feet and over must also carry one USCG-approved throwable Life-jacket (Type IV)
7. True or False: If a boat is overturned or swamped, abandon the boat and use your Lifejacket for flotation.
8. True or False: I have family visiting and we will be going over recommended capacity by just one person. This shouldn't be a problem for safe boating, right?
9. True or False: It's okay if others drink when onboard, as long as there is one responsible safe boat-er onboard to safely handle the watercraft.
10. The S.A.F.E. Boating principles stand for: Sober Boating, Alertness, Fasten Lifejackets, and Education.

Think you know the answers?
Bring in your answers to the office
and see what you get.

The Secret Life of Bilge pumps

Bilge pumps are a major safety item on every boat but often misunderstood. It's been said that a boat is a vessel continually looking for ways to sink itself. Your bilge pumps are the last defense if water finds its way in, yet they are rarely tested. And they're some of the things that often aren't working.

There are two basic reasons for having a bilge pump:

1. To remove large amounts of water from the bilge in an emergency or in a place that collects water purposely. From now on, this will be called a bilge pump.
 2. To clear out nearly all the water in a bilge area so the floor stays dry. This will be called a drying pump.
- Putting distinction in the name helps you to determine your needs for each place you want to place a pump.

The main type of bilge pump used is a centrifugal pump. These are the typical Rule pumps ranging from 500gph to 2000gph and more. They are useful in moving a lot of water but they are terrible at stopping water that wasn't pumped overboard from coming back down the hose. They can also get clogged with debris and fail.

There are a few types of drying pumps but diaphragm pumps are often the ones found on the boats. They are super reliable and rarely become jammed by debris. They're able to pump dry but they aren't usually fast at pumping large amounts of water. The pump is often mounted away from the bilge area with a very flat pick up to completely dry an area. The Whale Gulper series of pumps is a great example.

In the best of all worlds, imagine a high volume centrifugal bilge pump mounted higher than the pickup for a diaphragm drying pump. Small amounts of water would be removed by the drying pump. The full bilge pump wouldn't turn on unless a larger amount of water flooded and it was truly needed. The high-volume bilge pump wouldn't be used as much and will be more reliable and stay debris free. All this while keeping the bilge much dryer.

This is background information to help you understand your own bilges. Poke around your own boat and understand what you have. For more information on articles like this, visit [ActiveCaptain](http://ActiveCaptain.com) and sign up for interesting articles and boating information.

