
Worton Creek Windbag

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Worton Point Yacht Club

Opening Day Picnic

Saturday, May 26th 2018
3:00 PM

***** On the Hill *****

*Picnic with friends and family open to all marina slip holders and transients. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the Club. Members - please bring salads/sides/ desserts. BYOB
Watch for notices around marina.*

MARINA HARDWARE STORE AND BUSINESS OFFICE

APRIL & MAY HOURS

8:00am-4:30pm Mon-Fri
9:00am-3:00pm Saturday
10:00am-3:00pm Sunday

*Spring Weekend Hours Depend on the Weather
Call ahead to confirm we are open*

Full Weekend Hours beginning May 19

Congratulations to Worton Creek Marina employees celebrating April service anniversaries: John LeClair (23 years) and Tom Warner (12 years).

FROM THE ENGINE ROOM

Hello from Worton Creek where March weather came in like a lion and left like a lion. All in all Spring was not in the air! As I write this it looks like there's not much Spring coming in early April, the weatherman is talking about having more snow and sleet on the way. Oh well, Spring has got to be here soon and I'm definitely looking forward to it.

My big project in March was bringing the 83' Burger that we bought to repair up from Ft. Pierce, Florida. Libby and I drove to Florida the first week of March with a load of tools and supplies to get the boat ready to travel. Rick Kendall and Jeffrey Bussells from our team at the marina flew in after we arrived, and we spent five days making temporary repairs to the starboard bow area, a lot of temporary plumbing repairs on the inside of the damaged area, changing oil in the main engines and generators, and trying to learn the boat and her systems. We launched the boat on Wednesday the 7th, continued work on Thursday and Friday, and left Ft. Pierce on Saturday. What we learned during that first week was that the boat probably spent most of her time at the dock and was not used much. This became very apparent during our first day of running as we were not getting enough water flow through the main engine heat exchangers to cool the exhaust hoses. We had to take a lay day in Titusville to clean the heat exchangers and replace two 12" diameter hump hoses on the exhaust. We couldn't get the hoses until Monday morning, but we had everything ready and left Titusville at 11:00 AM Monday morning. The rest of the trip included a few minor hiccups as a result of not knowing the boat all that well, but overall was pretty uneventful. We arrived at Worton Creek at 3:00 AM on Monday, April 19th.

Usually when I'm moving one of our distressed boats it's like camping out because the boats have burned or been sunk. This trip was different because we had all the conveniences of a

large yacht except for air conditioning (which we didn't need) and it was pretty nice!

When I got back on Monday the 19th we started the fiberglassing of the outer skin on the Spencer. This was another milestone in terms of the repairs and went very well. The process involved wetting out the fiberglass cloth, applying it to the hull bottom, "bagging" it with plastic film, and then pulling a vacuum on the bag to press the fiberglass cloth and resin against the hull. We had a consultant come up from Florida to help us and in five days we had about 90% of the bottom fiberglassed. We will do the final 10% as we finish up repairs on the keel, propeller tunnels, and rudder areas. The planning and execution of the fiberglassing was a complicated exercise and our team accomplished it brilliantly. I am proud and grateful for the hard work expended by everyone to get it done. Our consultant, who works all over the world on projects, told me that our team is one of the best he has worked with. Well done Worton Creek Marina!

Work continued at a fast pace this month on all of the projects and work we have on the schedule for spring completion. We are holding our heads above water and making headway, all the while keeping an eye on the spring dam that will break with better weather.

With everything going on this month I got nothing done on our Burger. I will get restarted in April.

On a personal note, Libby is out in Victoria visiting Beth and family and having a wonderful time. The grandchildren are growing up fast and it's wonderful for her to spend time with them.

I think that's about it for this month. Spring is a bit late but it's coming, and the 2018 boating season is upon us!

Happy Boating,

John

The Creek Boutique Opening May 12

JoAnn and Libby have been busy getting ready for the 2018 season. New merchandise has been arriving in anticipation of our official reopening

on Saturday, May 13. Stop in and see the progress as they transform our winter storage shed back to the coolest gift shop on the bay!

Bottom Paint Tips

It's that time of the year again and the yard is full of folks scraping, painting and prepping for spring! If you're not sure what paint to use, just give Kevin a call and he'll be happy to discuss options with you. We are still highly recommending Pettit's Hydrocoat line of paints for their ease of application and great success rate in our waters. If you use Hydrocoat or any other water-based paint, please remember to check the weather! Unlike a solvent based paint, water-based paints can't hold up to rain until they have partially cured (at least 4 hours). This also means that the paint will need to cure for up to a full day before launching to ensure that the paint properly adheres to your hull (check the dry times on your can). If you need to have your jack stands moved- please let us know ASAP as we cannot paint spots at launch time if you are using a water-based paint. Another important weather caution is that the paint manufacturers recommend a minimum temperature of 50°F for application of their product.

As a reminder to our DIY customers, please let the marina office know when you will be painting, what paint you are using, and the total quantity used (including thinners and solvents) so that we can accurately report our VOC usage.

SPRING WORK REMINDERS

1. As soon as you have decided on your spring plans for your vessel send us your Spring Commissioning Order.
2. Remember to bring your ladders, extension cords and water hoses.
3. **DO NOT MOVE YOUR OWN JACKSTANDS!** Call Tom and we'll move them for you for a nominal fee.
4. Please leave shrink wrap near your boat and we will pick it up for recycling. **DO NOT put shrink wrap in the dumpsters!**
5. Please keep the area around your boat neat and clean at all times.
6. If you scrape and/or paint the bottom of your boat you must use ground tarps to ensure bottom paint does not fall on the ground.
7. If you are bringing your boat in for the summer season, call ahead to be sure your slip is vacant or receive a temporary slip assignment.