

Sea Harbour Yacht Club Members,

This communication is a bit late, what with a nasty little storm named Florence and dealing with her aftermath at SHYC and home. Thankfully the club fared well all things considered, as well as personally here in the Dolphin Point area. Many marinas and homes did not fare so well, and I am very thankful we came out we well as we did.

I wanted to thank all the members that came to the club to help in the cleanup and projects post Florence as well as during work day. What a great club and members we have! The club is not back 100%, but the grounds are looking good, property either replaced (like the doors to one shed) or protected (like the roof on another shed). Many dock boards that were damaged have been replaced, power and water are on to all slips, some contractor work is completed like spraying, drying and cleaning carpets, and much of the insurance related work is planned.

By no means are we back completely, and the management company and board are working hard to make sure the top priority items are being focused on. The end of A dock took a beating, as well as a few finger piers – these repairs remain the highest priority, and we are scheduled with Bobby Prescott for this work to include over 50 pilings to be replaced, rebuilding of the end of A dock, replacing stringers and finger docks where needed, as well as replacing our 2 dinghy launching docks. This is a big project, and we hope to be under way in Q1 2019.

Other insurance related areas we will be focused on are replacing the roof, repairing/replacing plumbing, and replacing electrical underneath the buildings.

Those of us that live locally, or have experienced a major disaster like this hurricane, can appreciate that recovery and restoration require following a process with insurance and contracting companies, and their workload and availability impacts how quickly we can get projects completed. I am striving with the management company to get these projects done right and in a timely manner as possible.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the management company for their extraordinary efforts in preparing the club before the storm, efforts during the storm and post storm actions. Extraordinary is pretty much the ordinary with our management team and I am thankful for their care and dedication to SHYC.

What else is happening? The board met in October and amongst other things agreed to continue the management contract for 2019. The beginning of the 2019 budget planning is under way. We are entering the year with funds in all of our reserve accounts to address hurricane damage to the docks, complete some of the long-range capital projects we have identified, and the dredging account due to the successful grant process in 2018. The club's sound financial state, which I cannot take full credit for, is a great asset. The self-insurance journey we started 10 years ago will more than cover the damage to the marina docks. To be sure we will need to build that reserve back up again and expect the board will balance that with funding capital projects and the dredging fund in 2019. The results of the budget planning will be available and reviewed in detail at the annual meeting the first Saturday in March. Mark your calendar for March 2!

Speaking of dredging. The channel has lost a bit of depth, moved around some, and has narrowed. A complete survey has been done, and a new chart will be published indicating the depth and path to take. I have been in and out a couple of times post storm at about normal water height and Calitiri at 5'6" had no issues. Look for details in the lounge soon!

With such a hot summer the recent cooler weather has been welcome. That also turns our minds to winter boat preparations. The management team will send out a reminder about preparing your boat for your being away for an extended period, to protect against freezing temperatures, etc. The proper preparations you take at this time of year are important to the protection of your boat, your neighbors' boat as well as the marina. Take the time, follow the rules, and have a great winter!

Finally, a few reminders about some fun happenings around Oriental and the Club. The Spirit of Christmas is December 7 and 8 this year – sure to be fun as always and a busy time at SHYC and to see fellow members. SHYC will hold its traditional New Year's Eve Oyster Roast December 31 at 1:00. Bring a dish to share, the club provides the rest.

Finally – I want to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving, Holiday Season and New Year!

Regards,

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