



The Harbor Report

Newsletter of Florence Harbor Marina and Restaurant

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TVA & Water Levels

Use the TVA website at www.tva.gov to get detailed information about individual reservoirs, including observed and predicted elevations and releases at TVA dams, reservoir operating guides, dissolved oxygen improvements, fish population survey results, recreation facilities, and more.

The link to "Tennessee River elevations at selected locations" gives information on recent and predicted water elevations at major cities and other locations along the Tennessee River.

Please note! Water release schedules often change without notice due to unanticipated changes in weather conditions and power system requirements.

Use caution near dams. A large amount of water may be discharged without warning at any time. Your safety depends on obeying all posted safety regulations and warnings.

Rainfall and stream flows

Use the links to see daily rainfall totals from rain gauges across the Tennessee Valley. You'll also find the latest information on flows in Valley streams that contribute a significant amount of water to the river system.

You can reach the Wilson Dam Reservoir Link through the Florence Harbor Marina website at www.florenceharbor.com.

Predicted for January 23, 2009

Daily Average Inflow (cubic feet per second)	Midnight Elevation (feet above mean sea level)	Daily Average Outflow (cubic feet per second)
47,300	505.70	51,200

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF WATER LEVELS.
DON'T BE CAUGHT UNAWARE!**



January 9, 2009—Florence Harbor at near flood stage. The channel current is extremely strong, making boating difficult while in the harbor the current remains relatively calm. The water level has reached the top of the boat ramps and shore. The McFarland Park Fishing Platform bottom is at the water level.



Normal Water Levels this time of year are very low. TVA guarantees at least 7 feet of depth during Winter Pool. However, they may raise water levels to flood stage with water levels reaching into the parking lot.



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In the March/April 2009 issue, meet Ron and Carol Beberniss —and the amazing "Annie"

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9th Annual
The Boat Show
Huntsville, AL
January 23-25, 2009
Von Braun Center
From BK Productions

Due to economic times, the marina office will remain closed with limited hours of operation. Please call the marina office, leave a message and your call will be returned by the following business day. Dan Lawson will be working on an as needed bases to pump fuel and dock transients. Once the weather warms up and boaters begin traveling the Tennessee River again, the Harbor will go back to regular hours. Please remember that your monthly slip rent is due on the 1st of each month and that the harbor pays your utilities on your behalf prior to your invoice. You will incur a late fee for any payment received later than the 10th of each month. Any utilities not paid will be disconnected if not paid within 30 days of past due invoice.

Harbor Happenings

The next meeting of the Slip Holders Association will be held Monday, February 2nd. During this meeting, officers will be elected and ideas for the upcoming year discussed. The TVA fuel adjustment fee charged by the Florence Utility Department will be addressed. In your February 2009 statement a TVA fuel adjustment fee will be charged based on the number of units of electricity you consume. This is simply a pass through fee.

Slip Rental Rates have not been raised for two years and will not be raised at this time. However, a current lease must be kept on file in the harbor office. If your lease is not up-to-date, a new lease will be mailed to you in February. Please update, sign and return the lease to the harbor office, ASAP.

"A" Dock repair work will be completed by the first of February. The damage was caused by water levels changing rapidly.

RESTAURANT REMAINS OPEN!

Emergency:	911
Marina Office:	256-768-1299
Restaurant:	256-768-1721
State Troopers Post:	256-383-2923
Florence Police:	256-760-6500
Florence Fire Department:	256-760-6475
Florence Park Police:	256-760-6416
Duke Equipment:	256-766-1020
Shoals Marine:	256-766-7635
Capt. Scuba	256-627-4121
US Coast Guard Auxiliary	303-776-7834 or 303-619-0421

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Happy Boating!