



# The Harbor Report

Newsletter of Florence  
Harbor Marina and  
Restaurant

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## Harbor Happenings

# Winter

**This is the first winter for many of us to have seen the harbor covered in ice! Rocks sat on 1/4 inch sheet of ice!**

**GOALS for 2010:** A goal is an established result or achievement toward which effort is aimed.

- ◆ Take more pictures of folks and events at the harbor.
- ◆ Go boating at least once a week, cruise to Chattanooga.
- ◆ Tour local attractions.

### EVENTS for 2010 Calendar:

- ◆ Arts Alive: May 15th & 16th
- ◆ Spirit of Freedom Celebration: Sun, July 4th
- ◆ W.C. Handy Music Festival: July 23rd — 31st.
- ◆ Trail of Tears: Sept. 18th
- ◆ Renaissance Festival: Oct. 16th
- ◆ First Fridays: March 3—Dec. 3

Dates from [www.alabama.travel](http://www.alabama.travel)

**FISHING REPORT:** Crappie are being caught around piers in 8 ft. of water at a depth of 4 ft. on small minnows. Skip Jack and Strippers weighing up to 1 lb continue to bite.

If you have attended a boat show this month, **PLEASE** share what you saw and any new ideas or suggestions.

### Lake Boaters – Be Aware of Winter Drawdowns

If you are still boating, now is the time to check whether the lake you are boating on is scheduled for a winter drawdown. Drawdown involves lowering a lake's water level during fall and winter. It can be done by opening a dam or pipe, pumping or siphoning.

Boaters should be cautious of rocks, stumps and other obstacles that are now potentially damaging to your hull and/or prop. Also, if your boat is docked on a lake scheduled for a winter drawdown, you need to make sure it is able to adjust to the drawdown.

Drawdowns are scheduled by many different entities such as a state environmental agency, a local municipality, the state department of natural resources, water management, etc. Start by googling "drawdown + theNameoftheLake."

◆ Lake Pickwick does raise and lower water levels drastically. By checking the Wilson Dam Generator

Schedule, a general idea can be predicted for water levels. Compare the gallons released between Wilson and Pickwick Dams. Average Hourly Discharge (cubic feet per second) is the number you compare. On Thursday Jan. 21st at 2 pm, 95,340 cubic feet per second was release from

Wilson Dam. At the same period, Pickwick Dam was releasing, 104,474 cubic feet per second. This would indicate the water level at Florence Harbor would be going down.

### LATE FEE

#### RATE SCHEDULE:

**Per your lease, late fees will now be reflected as listed below:**

\$320—\$48;    \$280—\$42;  
 \$270—\$40.50;    \$245—\$36.75;  
 \$205—\$30.75;    \$140—\$21.00;  
 \$125—\$18.75

**This represents 15% of your slip rent.**

The docks can be icy and slippery when there is ice, rain or snow on them!!  
**PLEASE BE CAREFUL!!**



During the upcoming month, I will be going through each file to check each slip holders:

- 1) Correct contact information—If you have had any changes in contact info, please call or e-mail the marina office at 768-1299 or [eva@florenceharbor.com](mailto:eva@florenceharbor.com)
  - 2) Current signed lease
  - 3) Proof of current insurance coverage with a minimal coverage of \$300,000 liability.
- ◆ Each slip has been inspected for proper electrical and water connections. Slip holders have been notified on any conditions that did not meet standards. All boats in the harbor must be safe and seaworthy and must carry the proper registration and MSD inspection for the State of AL.
  - ◆ Repair/maintenance work being performed on your boat in Florence Harbor Marina must be done by licensed vendors and contractors who have registered with the marina office and are on our approved list. Any vendor found working on boats in our marina that have not signed in at the office will be asked to leave the property.

~~~~~ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.** ~~~~~

At this time, slip rates will not increase. However, I reserve the right to re-evaluate rates once a 2010 budget has been approved. Suggestions that have been made through the Slip Holders Association for events are:

- ◆ Cruise-Ins & Outs with other marinas on Lake Pickwick
- ◆ Special Order Night—orders placed for marine supplies can be purchased for a volume and discounted price through West Marine/ Southern Marine, etc.....



## Preparing Your Boat for the Season Pre-Season Checklist

- Do a general cleaning of hull, deck and topsides using a mild detergent
- Check for hull abrasions, scratches, gouges, etc. and repair
- Check lines, fenders, etc.
- Check condition of hoses and clamps
- Make sure below waterline hoses are double clamped
- Check bilges pumps for automatic and manual operation
- Check for oil in bilges
- Check battery water level
- Sound signaling device
- Check distress signals and expiration date
- Check Pfd's
- Shock the drinking water tank. Pool shock not bleach.

**Welcome Aboard!**

**New to "A" Dock are:**

**David Abramson**

**One covered 12 X 32 slip is available. Many uncovered slips are available. Encourage your boating friends to look at Florence Harbor as a place to DOCK their boat!**



| 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:     | 256-760-6500 |
| Duke Equipment:           | 256-766-1020 |
| Shoals Marine:            | 256-766-7635 |
| Scott's Marine:           | 256-767-3175 |
| Dory Dan:                 | 256-102-3700 |
| Diesel Don:               | 256-259-7728 |
| USCG Auxiliary:           | 303-776-7834 |

**HELPFUL NUMBERS**



**Happy Boating!**