



The Harbor Report

Newsletter of Florence Harbor Marina and Restaurant

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February 2008

HAPPENINGS

Spring is approaching quickly. Several slips remain open, but I'm confident they will fill up. Covered, uncovered and jet ski slips are available.

Improvements and repairs to the harbor are being completed over the winter months. Flooring and painting are being updated in the marina main building.

Dan Lawson is to return the first of April for the summer again this year. He reports great fishing in Texas, but is anxious to be back and help out on weekends.

Gas prices continue to fluctuate; however, our prices remain competitive with the market. Fuel in containers cannot be carried to your vessel on harbor property. This is a dangerous procedure and violates our insurance policy. If you prefer to refuel your vessel, you must do so at the city courtesy dock.

New Moorage Lease Agreements are being mailed for leases that have expired or have not been received by the marina office. It is imperative that you sign and return your lease for your protection as well as the Harbor's. Please note Item #17 added to the lease which allows for Automatic Renewal when no changes have been made to the lease by either the lessee or the harbor. Rates for 2008 remain the same as last year.

WELCOME NEW SLIP HOLDERS

"B DOCK

Jack Bowman

"C" DOCK

Jeff Miller



Helpful Phone Numbers

Marina Office:	256-768-1299
Restaurant:	Closed for Winter
Marina After Hours:	256-710-5133
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
Emergency:	911



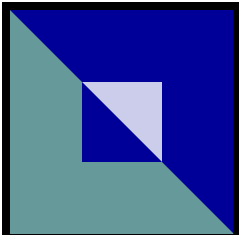
Happy Boating!

Annie and the Whistle Doc

Written by
Jay Martin

One day while I was working on Ashlie B II at Florence Harbor, I noticed a classic trawler tied up to the gas dock. The boat looked brand new but the classic design drew my attention. I was busy, so I really did not think much about it anymore. The next day, I received a call from the marina about meeting a boat owner that wanted me to watch his boat while he went home for Christmas. As it turned out, it was Ron Beberniss who owned Annie. I went down to meet with him and he showed me his boat. When he told me that he put every screw in the boat himself and it took 16 years, I was shocked. The detail was amazing and he further explained that most of the wood came in blocks that he planed down himself. He also told me that he got hooked on whistle hunting, when he was trying to locate one for Annie. His whistle hunting obsession, has created a collection of unique whistles that would be envied by any collector. He even has a website about his collection, which also includes a blog about Annie and pictures of it in various stages of completion. www.whistleman.com

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Wood Avenue Historic District (Boundary Increase II)
(added 1997 - Lauderdale County - #97000656)
Also known as see also: **Wood Avenue Historic District;**
Wood Avenue Historic
Roughly, along Kendrick Ave., and 633 Hermitage Dr., Florence
(50 acres, 17 buildings)

Historic Significance: Architecture/Engineering

Architect, Maffett, Lloyd, and builder, or engineer: Unknown

Architectural Style: Bungalow/Craftsman, Tudor Revival,
Other

Area of Significance: Architecture

Period of Significance: 1825-1849, 1850-1874, 1875-1899,
1900-1924, 1925-1949

Owner: **Private**

Historic Function: Domestic

Current Function: Domestic

Current Sub-function: Multiple Dwelling, Secondary Structure



<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/AL/Lauderdale/districts.html>

—GRANDFATHERS—

Some of you may not know, the story behind the story. My father, Bill Maffett, the owner of Florence Harbor, grew up locally. His father, Lloyd Maffett, mentioned above on the National Register of Historic Places, was an architect and engineer in Florence. He was also involved with the construction and design of Braly Stadium used today by both Florence High School and UNA. My mother grew up in Sheffield and her father, John H. Walthall, retired from TVA as General Manager. Capt. Jack and Eva traveled the inter-coastal waterways on the Eden, from Wilson Lake to the Saint Lawrence Sea Way, but home was Alabama Shores. The interesting fact about my grandmother, Eva, was that she could not swim!

TIME Magazine Archive TVA in Arms

Monday, Sep. 23, 1940

Many plants, defense and otherwise, have already been built in TVA territory. Between 1933 and 1937 industrial growth there (number of plants) was over twice that of the rest of the U. S. Main reasons: cheap and abundant power, the six-foot, 500-mile channel up the Tennessee River. With nearly 1,000,000 kw. in twelve major hydro developments and five big steam plants (of which 300,000 kw. was taken over from private utilities), TVA is already nearly at capacity, must install more (TIME, Aug. 12).

TVA engineers claim that one-third of the Army's strategic and critical materials are in TVA mountains. To make sure that no TVA assets are overlooked, David Lilienthal keeps a staff of researchers hard at work. Last week he announced that one of them, ***frail M. I. T. man John***

Henry Walthall, had developed a new process for extracting alumina (raw material of aluminum) from common clay, which abounds in TVAland. Other TVA discoveries include methods for making a cork insulation substitute out of vermiculite (a mica-like rock), for deriving magnesium from olivine, plastics from cottonseed hulls.

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,802012,00.html>