



The Harbor Report

Newsletter of Florence Harbor Marina and Restaurant

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Harbor Happenings



Alabama Department of Environmental Management has completed the annual inspection of the Florence Harbor Fueling Systems. Both the Mid-Grade Regular and Diesel Fuel Systems passed with no violations! Line leak detection and pressure tests have been completed with perfect results. No water was found in the tanks and the pumps calibrated to the exact correct measure. An Inventory Reconciliation Program tracks daily inventory of our 100 % pure fuel, which contains NO ETHANOL! Keep in mind safety features when you are fueling your boat and at all costs avoid fuel being leaked into the river. If you notice or smell fuel, please notify the harbor immediately and we will notify the Fire Department.

Our Marine Police

The Marine Police will issue tickets for violations to all boaters not in compliance to the law! Please be kind to our marine police officers, Josh Bradford and Lt. Roy Ellis. They work hard keeping our beautiful Tenn. River safe and enjoyable for everyone. Some of their days are long, hot and stressful! Give them a Smile and tell them you appreciate what they are doing for the harbor and for you!

- ◆ The **NO WAKE** buoy has been relocated closer to the entrance into the harbor.
- ◆ The Marine Police have asked for MSD Inspections to be completed. The inspection period begins October 1, 2009—September 30, 2010. Beginning Oct. 1, the next year sticker will be required! Please contact the marina office to schedule your annual inspection. Cody Dozier, our certified inspector, will then schedule your appointment. The fee is \$50.



◆ The North Alabama Marina Association is a tremendous wealth on information for the harbor. Marinas on Lake Guntersville, Wheeler, Wilson and Pickwick gather quarterly to discuss problems, exchange ideas and connect the heart of the Tennessee River! As secretary/treasurer for this association, I have met owners from marinas on each of these lakes. Information regarding spider control, promoting the entire river system to weed control, insurance, proper fueling, etc. have all been discussed. Sharing what works and what does not has given me confidence in knowing the best options for Florence Harbor and NAMA is a resource for answering questions by someone who has been there done that!

◆ As president of SHA, I speak for the reps from each dock to applaud Florence Harbor for the improving management of the marina; things such as water leaks, electrical problems, securing loose boards, new light fixtures on D-dock and to solving mooring requests from slipholders has been accomplished. Looking Good!

SHA hopes to get participation from slipholders in putting on our first annual catfish/striper tournament. Volunteers are needed to help with weigh in and release! Please see me or contact the harbor office to VOLUNTEER!

Ed Mansell, President

Florence Harbor Slip Holders Association.

Folks at the Harbor



The 13th Annual Tennessee River 600 — The 38 personal watercraft riders battled the rain at the beginning of the week, August 15 for eight days followed by some excellent water which made the ride that more enjoyable! Old friends reunited and new friends were welcomed into the family with open arms. Everyone helped raise \$12,656 for The Children's Miracle Network and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency! Phenomenal job by everyone!! We're all so proud to have such an amazing group of people giving such an amazing effort! For more information about next years event contact tennesseeriver600.com.

By Dennis Beckley

**BOAT AUCTION BY OWNER, D-13
HIGHEST BIDDER
SEPT. 1ST will OWN the BOAT
MINIMUM BID:
\$25,000
Call Troy Beaver for preview of
Houseboat!
256-349-9775**

Wel come Aboard!
Tina Kitchen, and her Jet Ski
New to "A" Dock are:
Ol iver and Sal I y Mil l er
New to "B" Dock are:
The Steve Bl evins Family
New to "C" Dock are:
Tim Bragwel l
Teddy & Jul ia But l er
New to "D" Dock are:
Wes Frey



You will still see Patsy Scull and Cody Dozier around the docks, but I am very proud to say that they have both started COLLEGE! I wish them much success and they will be missed at the harbor! I have received many compliments on their work and enthusiasm throughout the summer! When you do see them, ask if they made an A on their last test!!! Hopefully, they will both return next summer.. In the meantime, Tom Barnes, A-10, Pura Vida, has agreed to help out!

Thanks, Tom!

100% PAYBACK: \$5 per entry will go to

SAFEPLACE & NORTH ALABAMA CANCER CENTER

Quick Notes: Please see rules for details.

- Catch and Release Tournament. No fish can be taken home. ALL STATE REGULATIONS MUST BE OBSERVED.
- Only 1 fish per hourly weigh-in for prize. Weigh-in and registration on east dock of Florence Harbor.
- Angler may enter BOTH Tournaments: Catfish or Striper (\$50 each entry). Tournament Prizes will be award separately for each category.
- This tournament is open to anyone. Registration can be either dropped off at harbor or mailed in. Registration day of tournament is \$5 extra: \$55.
- There will be no take off for start. Check in between 6 - 7 am for angler number. Angler can leave upon receiving number. Honor system to not begin Fishing until 7 am. CONTACT MARINA OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORM.

1st Annual Catfish & Saltwater Striper Fishing Tournament



Date: Sept. 12, 2009
Time: 7 am—3 pm

Hourly Weigh-Ins
100% Pay Back

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
Capt. Scuba	256-627-4121
US Coast Guard	303-776-7834 or
Auxiliary	303-619-0421

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Happy Boating!