

Newsletter
August 2009

Around the Dock

IMPORTANT!
**COMMUNITY
CLEAN-UP**

August 29, 2009

*For more info call
DEPRM
410-887-2904

**LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 7th**
- Weaver's Marine
Office & Store
Will be CLOSED
(Gas pier OPEN 9-3)

WEAVER'S MARINE
Store Hours
Mon – Fri:
8am - 5pm
Sat:
8am - 1pm

**ATTENTION ALL
SLIP RENTERS**

Please supply
Weaver's Marine
Service with a copy
of your boat keys, if
you have not already
done so. Thank you



RYC
Information and events
riversideyachtclub.org

Weaver's Marine Service 730 Riverside Drive Essex, MD 21221
Phone: 410-686-4944 Fax: 410-686-4918
Website: www.weaversmarine.net Email: office@weaversmarine.net

BACK RIVER CLEAN-UP & RESTORATION

**BACK
RIVER
RESTORATION
COMMITTEE**

SATURDAY - AUGUST 29, 2009 @ 8:00 AM

JOIN THE BACK RIVER RESTORATION COMMITTEE AND BALTIMORE COUNTY
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (DEPRM)
TO CLEAN UP THE SHORELINE AND MUDFLATS OF BACK RIVER
MEET AT THE ESSEX PARK AND RIDE AT 8:00 AM

PLEASE WEAR OLD CLOTHES AND WEAR WATERPROOF BOOTS OR OLD SHOES. OPTIONAL: BRING GLOVES, RAKE, CRAB OR FISH POLE NET OR A JON BOAT
TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL DEPRM 410-887-2904

SaveBackRiver.org **BRRC**

The Back River Restoration Committee will be attempting to clean-up the Back River "Flats". This is the debris field exposed during low-tide near the 695 overpass. They need volunteers to pull trash from the river, people to be shoreline workers and staff to hand out refreshments for all those who are involved in the event. Help is also needed for collecting resources to the Essex Park and Ride to guarantee a success. Items needed are: gloves, trash bags, chainsaws, rakes, nets, shovels and bottled water to keep the volunteers hydrated. Volunteers are also needed with Jon Boats, canoes and kayaks to help work the shallow areas. (410-887-2904)

Small Watershed Action Plan (SWAP) Tidal Back River

Fact Sheet

What is a SWAP?

A SWAP is a strategy that outlines how we will clean up our streams.

The plan will:

- ♦ outline the existing surroundings,
- ♦ identify sources of pollution,
- ♦ examine alternative ways to enhance our watershed and clean our streams,
- ♦ determine the costs,
- ♦ and decide who will implement the options.

Who participates in the SWAP?

Participation by many stakeholders is essential in the preparation of the SWAP. Residents in the neighborhoods, leaders from local community and business associations and government agencies are all necessary to build a successful plan. This plan will have a tally sheet that computes all the actions needed to have a clean stream. Each group or organization will be responsible for the implementation of several actions. Full implementation is needed to achieve success.

How will we improve our streams?

Restoration actions may include:

- ♦ New stormwater management facilities
- ♦ Planting trees
- ♦ Rainspout disconnections
- ♦ Additional forest along streams
- ♦ Neighborhood raingardens and rainbarrels
- ♦ Fertilizer reduction
- ♦ Community awareness about stormwater
- ♦ Shoreline restoration projects



How can I get involved?

Contact The Back River Restoration Committee about all the ways you can help restore your watershed!

Back River Restoration Committee: 410-254-1577 www.savebackriver.org



BALTIMORE COUNTY
MAY 1790

Baltimore County Watersheds & Monitoring 410-887-5683
Website: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/backriver
Email: watersheds@baltimorecountymd.gov

BACK RIVER...ITS FOR THE BIRDS



Mallard Duck

Cormorants

Thank you to Tim and Carol Dakin (Slip # 43) for sending us these wonderful pictures of our "Feathered Friends", who live and play at Weaver's Marina.



DOGS AROUND THE DOCK

"Dock Dog" Chico is a four and a half year old Shih Tzu. (Chinese dog with a Mexican name) Chico sails with his wonderful parents – Vernon and Janet McCarty on the "Sea Spray" (Slip #30).

He considers Weaver's Marina as his second home.



"Dock Dog" Rusty is an adorable Dachshund.

He loves to be onboard the "Aquisition" (Slip #25) with his family, Jim and Nancy Thomas.

Rusty and Chico (McCarty) are good buddies at Weaver's Marina.

“BOATING BLUNDERS”



By: Dock master - Bill Garrison

What is a BOATING BLUNDER? It is a boating incident which involves NO injury to people but injury to at least two out of three of the following:

The boater's vessel

The boater's wallet

The boater's ego

Since we have had a few BOATING BLUNDERS recently here at Weaver's Marine, I would like to share one of mine.

My wife Dee and I were returning to our home marina, Oriental Harbor Marina in Oriental, NC. After an overnight trip to Belhaven, we were on plane about a mile or two from the entrance to the river when my wife, a timid boater, hollered that I ought to slow down, now. I replied that we were still a long way from the point where this was required, to which she replied that I ought to slow down NOW! Well, I did not and the next thing I knew, the anchor popped out of the anchor chocks as we bounced around and immediately disappeared from view. A couple of seconds later, there was a loud BANG and the starboard engine quit. When I attempted to retrieve the anchor, I found that the anchor chain had wrapped itself around the prop and snapped the drive shaft. As we limped into port, my only consolation was that Dee never once said, "I told you so!"

SUMMARY:

<i>Damage to the vessel:</i>	<i>Two new Volvo duo props, a new lower shaft plus seals etc.</i>
<i>Damage to my wallet:</i>	<i>\$2,500.00</i>
<i>Damage to my ego:</i>	<i>Immeasurable</i>

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED:

- 1. Install a safety chain on your anchor to prevent accidental deployment.*
- 2. ALWAYS LISTEN TO YOUR WIFE*

*Do you have a BOATING BLUNDER that you are willing to share?
If so email to: gcover@weaversmarine.net*