"Scenic Back River – Discover the Hidden Treasure"

Newsletter
February 2010

Around the Dock

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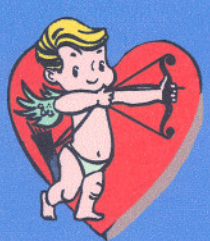
Weaver's Winter Gas Pier Hours:
Monday - Friday
8am - 5pm
Saturday
8am – 1pm
Closed on Sundays

February 14
Valentine's Day

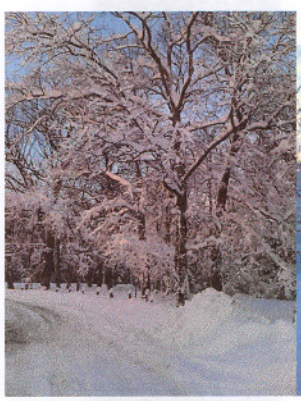


February 15
President's Day

DON'T WAIT -
Time to Think About
SPRING START-UP

THE BLIZZARD OF 2010

Weaver's did not escape the wintery blasts of the Blizzard of 2010. As of this writing (Feb. 9), we are in for another possible 18-20 inches or more in the Baltimore/Essex and surrounding areas. Stay warm and be careful out there!



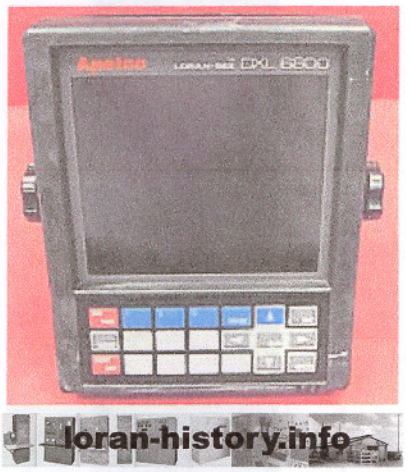
Best of the Bay – Take Reader Survey on www.ChesapeakeBoating.net

BYE-BYE LORAN

TERMINATION OF ALL U.S. LORAN-C SIGNALS:
THE 2010 DHS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, THE U.S. COAST GUARD HAS TERMINATED THE TRANSMISSION OF ALL U.S. LORAN-C SIGNALS AS OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010.

It is the official end of the Loran era. Decades ago there were lines criss-crossing charts used to decode the Loran coordinates. The original Lorans only showed TDs, but the old technology has given way to the GPS.

Do you still have a Loran on board? What will you do with your old technology? Should the Weaver's Marine Service museum have a "Loran Exhibit" next to the photos of our old piers? We would like to put together a collection of photos of old crusty Lorans. Send us a picture of your Loran to: boatbillgarrison@gmail.com (Dock Master Bill). Add your ideas for how to "Repurpose" your old Loran, plus any good or bad memories about the days of Loran.

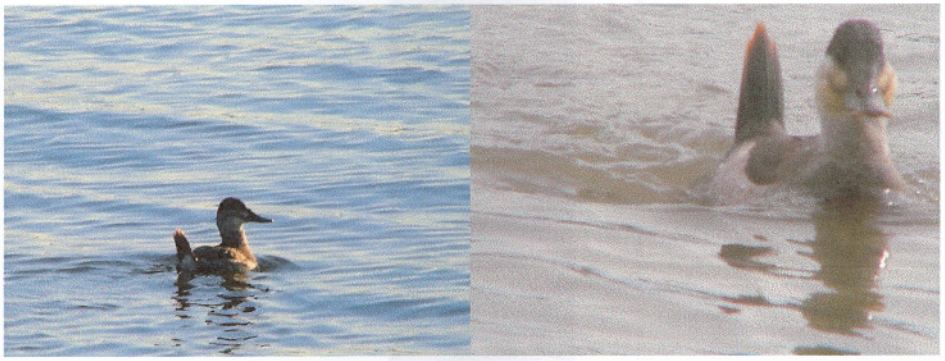


FIN-ATICS FISHING CLUB'S
Weaver's is FIN-ATICS home port…let's support the home team!
ANNUAL BULL AND OYSTER ROAST
March 27, 2010 8:00pm – 12:00am
Catered by McKinney Catering Music by: DJ
Tickets: $40.00 per person
Location: St. Clare's 716 Myrth Ave. Essex, MD 21221
Menu
Oysters on the Half Shell, MD Crab Soup, Pit Beef, Pit Ham, Pit Turkey , Italian Baked Ziti, Old Bay Chicken, Cheese Platter & Crackers, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Caesar Salad, Macaroni Salad, Fresh Baked Bread, Condiments, Dessert, Coffee
For Ticket Info contact: Dave Scheckells 410-952-5416 or dscheckells@verizon.net

GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON

Sam Weaver and Bill Garrison check out the latest fishing boats at the 26th Annual Fishing Expo & Boat Show held at the Timonium Fairgrounds.

NOT TOO COLD FOR A DIP



Thanks to Carol and Tim Dakin, (Weaver's Official Bird and Wildlife Watchers) as they have photographed (above) a Ruddy duck trying to catch up with his group and Hooded Merganser ducks (below left: female and center: male) and a female Mandarin (below right) swimming at Weaver's Marina.

Once upon a time on a cold January evening in Baltimore…

The event planners had reserved the auditorium of one of the most important facilities in the Baltimore region for this long anticipated event. This vital resource, in fact, is probably the most utilized facility in the state, with over 1 million Marylanders contributing to its operation on a daily basis. As the crowds began arriving additional seating was erected but there was standing room only as the meeting began.

Was this the season premier of American Idol or a Presidential address? Was Oprah in town? No, on the cold evening of January 27th, we had gathered at the auditorium of the Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant for the unveiling of S.W.A.P…the Small Watershed Action Plan, an ambitious partnership of the state, county, and community to restore our river and watershed. Everyone was anxious for the "Action" part of the plan to finally begin now that all of the preliminary stages were now complete. We had developed a Vision, set our Goals, completed the necessary Studies, advanced a workable Plan, and finalized Strategies to implement. A slogan was adopted: "Scenic Back River - Discover the Hidden Treasure." Now it was time for Action!

Everyone was excited and impressed with the ambitious scope of the final SWAP plan which calls for over 60 actions over the next 10 years to cleanup our watersheds, creeks, river and bay. Programs will include the Clean Shores Program, Derelict Boat Removal Program, Shoreline Enhancement Program, Stream Enhancement Program, Reforestation Program, and Educational Programs. A number of actions, past and present, which are of particular interest to our marina appear below by date.

2009

- A coalition of county workers and volunteers removed over 1000 tires and 1200 cubic yards of debris from Back River.

Dec 2009

- Spoil dumping ended at Hart Miller Island (HMI) and the Pleasure Island Project (PIP) awarded a contract for dredging of a channel 8' deep and 150' wide through the "cut." The project will be featured in a future issue of "Around the Dock."

Jan 2010

- The PIP (see above) obtained dredging permits and on Jan. 18 (MLK day) volunteers braved the cold for more cleanup on the Back River mud flats. The SWAP meeting featured above was held on January 27 with a large group from Weaver's in attendance.

Feb 2010

- A midge reduction task force has been formed and will meet sometime this month. Biologists and students from Towson University have already mapped midge populations in the area. Single stream recycling began Feb. 1 in Baltimore County. Easier recycling will reduce floating trash. Hurrah!

March 2010

- The long anticipated trash collection boom (big, strong net) will be placed under the Beltway (I-695) to intercept floating trash. Dredging of the "cut" will begin. The STATE OF OUR WATERSHEDS CONFERENCE will be held on Saturday March 13 at the College of Notre Dame (on North Charles Street). Come join the Weaver's team and learn from the experts what is needed and being done to improve the health of the bay and our rivers. Admission is free but pre-registration is required. (See attached flyer for more information, or talk to Sam or Bill)

April 2010

- Scott's, the #1 manufacturer of lawn care products eliminates all phosphorus from fertilizers sold in the watershed area. The reduction of nutrients from lawn runoff is essential to the health of the bay. The Bread & Cheese Creek Cleanup takes place on Saturday April 10. Directly across the river from our piers, this creek is one of the many tributaries that feed Back River. Restoration of these creeks benefits the health of the bay and our own river.

SAVE THE DATE!

State of Our Watersheds

The 2010 Watershed Conference for the Baltimore Region

Saturday, March 13, 2010 • 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

College of Notre Dame of Maryland
4701 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21210

Dive Deeper into Bay Restoration

- Find out about the expanded federal role in achieving a healthy Bay
- Learn about consequences associated with the Chesapeake Bay TMDL
- Hear about how climate change affects the Bay restoration effort
- Discover more about citizen awareness of stormwater
- Discuss citizen and government actions affecting the Baltimore Watershed Agreement

The conference is free and includes lunch, however space is limited so registration is a must. For more information go to www.baltimorecountymd.gov/deprm or call 410-887-5683.

Register online at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/deprm

If you are interesting in attending, see Sam or Bill G. (or call 410-686-4944) about possibly carpooling.