

“DOCKLINES”
Olverson’s Lodge Creek Marina & Boat Sales, Inc.
Port & Starboard Real Estate, Inc.
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GREETINGS! SEASONAL AND OTHERWISE!

Fred & Cas Olverson have been goldbricking in the sunny climes of Marathon, FL since the day before Thanksgiving. But please don’t think that we have forgotten about you. Fred, making like the lizard he must have been in a former life and braising himself with suntan goop, regularly toasts your health from beside the heated swim pool here at Sombrero Resort/Lighthouse Marina. Cas wishes she could give you the record-setting temperatures of Southern Florida as she cowers in the air conditioning of “Freddie Bear”. Kidding aside, we hope all of you will be as blessed as we have been by having good health, having work to do, and the opportunity to follow your dreams. Thank you for being our marina customers and for being our business and personal friends. We couldn’t make it through life without you. Under separate cover, please look for a token of our thanks, a wall calendar for you to note all those important boating plans for next year.

SPECIAL (!) THANK YOUS...

...go to the ad hoc rescue committee during the end of the 2009 hurricane season’s last swipe at the Northern Neck, the remnants of T.S. Ida. It is our understanding that once again, Olverson’s Marina and its denizens escaped damage by the hair of its chinny-chin. By no small measure due to slip holders conscientiously securing their own vessels, then grouping together and working with marina personnel to ensure that all vessels and office innards were secure. Good job, Everyone!

REMINDER

Coffee pot’s on every morning at the office. Particularly on cold winter days when you come to check your boat, stop by and have a cup of java on us, warm yourself up and say hello.

PLEASE...

By April 1, make sure you have a Olverson’s Marina tracking decal on your boat trailer in land storage. There is a onetime fee of \$10 and the sticker is to be applied on the tongue of the boat trailer, on the driver’s side. This will help deter usurpers and make our billing more accurate.

ENCLOSED

Find a form for updating your billing and contact information. Please fill it out and return as soon as possible so that we can be as accurate as possible with our marina management program. Hopefully, most of the glitches with the software (and the humans running it!) have been worked out by now. If not, we trust that you’ll let us know in a timely fashion, instead of just grumbling about it: 800-529-5071.

NEWS ON THE INTERNET ACCESS FRONT

Cross your fingers, hold your breath. We hope we will soon be having dependable, marina-wide internet access. Yeah, we know – we’ve said it before. Before, all we could get was half-apt Hughesnet Wi-Fi. For 10 years at least, Verizon has been pinging us to sign up for DSL - that it was available at our locale. For all that time, we would take the bait and try to get hooked up with DSL, only to be told, “No deal! You’re too far away!”, as if it were our fault! Well, Verizon finally put their DSL where their mouth was, and we have been successfully using DSL at the office – the acid test – for a month or two. Stephen Trice gets a lot of credit for making this happen. He was like a dog with a bone vis-à-vis Verizon. Hounded them till they came through with the goods. We’re going to keep monitoring the dependability of the DSL in the office for a little bit – we’ve been let down so many times by Hughesnet and Verizon we’re skeptical – then if all is still going well after the first of the year, we’ll install DSL for the whole marina. Hip, hip, hurray!

THINK SPRING! Fred & Cas, Stephen & Jodi Trice, Lynn Olivier & Bionic Mann Jackson