

Guilford Boat Yards

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FALL Newsletter '11

Hurricane Irene

Over 30 boats were hauled and 14 more came in on trailers; all are OK. The water came up to the travellift rails; the buildings and equipment are OK. Lessons from Irene – We need your email address to keep in touch. Start your preparations early; we started bringing boats in on Wednesday. Don't depend on the cleats on the dock; several boats at the marina pulled out the dock cleats. Tie your boat facing the predicted prevailing wind so it less likely to be beam to the wind and waves. Boat US says the safest place for a boat during a hurricane is hauled out on land. We can haul your boat before a hurricane but this requires advance planning. We need to hear from you at least 3 days before a hurricane is predicted to come ashore in order to plan your haul out or pick up.

Faulkner's Island

The annual Open House at Faulkner's Island has been cancelled for 2011 because the docks and pilings were damaged in a storm this past spring.

Batteries

Our first season of leaving batteries on board, disconnected and charged was a success and saved our boat owners some money. We will continue to offer this option this fall.

Boat Rentals

We have a new Triumph 1700 Skiff with a 75 HP Mercury Optimax in our fleet in addition to a 190 Bay with a 115 HP Optimax. Need a smaller boat for tubing? Is your boat in for repairs? Just want to try a 17' or 19' to see if you like it? We have two Triumph boats available for rent 7 days a week! At \$219.00 for 4 hours and \$329.00 for 8 hours (17') \$269.00 for 4 hours and \$429.00

for 8 hours (19') (including insurance) you can be out on the water with just a call to reserve the boat. Longer rentals are available.



New Products

Alumacraft introduced a New 16' Competitor with a 16'7" length, 87" beam and a 2XB bow the Competitor 165 is a rugged trailerable fishing boat with bow and port rod storage, a live well and great interior space, powered by an economical 75 to 90 HP Mercury or Yamaha outboard. The new V-16 has a split rear seat and is available with a floor. Triumph Boats will announce their changes in mid-September. Mercury will have a new, less expensive 150 HP 4 Stroke outboard available in November.

2010 - 2011 Rates

We offer a 4% discount on standard storage paid in full by haulout and a 4% discount on trailer boat storage paid in full upon boat arrival. We require a Certificate of Insurance; please ask your insurance agent to send us the Certificate.

Summer Maintenance

We spread 22 tons of stone in the yard, built a new mast barge and are installing the new pad for power washing at the travel lift well. We have been mowing and trimming all through the yard. Please help us keep the yard clean by using the recycle bin by the store and the trash cans in the yard.

Mercury Outboards

Check out our prices! If you plan to repower your boat ask us about the discounts available on OPTIMAX and 4 stroke outboards. We will be glad to help you decide which 2-stroke or 4-stroke engine is right for your boat.

Store Specials

Our Winterizing Specials will be available in the store. Prices for oil and metals have increased the costs for motor oils, antifreeze, shrink wrap, and other winterizing items.

Piloting and Charting

USCG Auxiliary Guilford will teach a Charting course Tuesdays starting Oct. 4, 7 P.M. at Guilford Community Center . Learn the basics of coastal navigation so you can find your way even if the GPS fails. Call 458-8068 to register or www.guilfordparkrec.com.

Environmental Changes

Our new Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan is complete. We test and monitor storm water runoff. No Power washing of any kind is allowed. All sanding of bottom paint must be done with a vacuum sander and all debris scraped from the boat bottom, OB and I/O must be collected, double bagged and brought to the shop. We have two Fein vacuum sanders available to rent at \$15.00 per ½ day plus discs; call to reserve them. Power washing of boat bottoms by owners is not allowed.

Gasoline Storage

Boat US and the U.S. Coast Guard recommend built in fuel tanks be stored 95% full with stabilizer added. Portable fuel tanks and the built in fuel tanks on small outboards should be emptied after the engine has been winterized. We encourage all boaters to use a fuel treatment year round to prevent varnish and gum and to keep your fuel fresh. Fuel stabilizer & treatment are in stock in the store.