



July - August 2010

HARBOUR HEADLINES

Things to Know About Living in Colington Harbour

- Yard sales within the Harbour are permitted with approval from the office. Outside advertising of yard sales is not permitted. Yard sale signs are limited to one at the end of the street and one at the location.
- Any type of building, alteration of lot, shed, boat lift, pier, dock, fence, and any alterations of property must be permitted by the Architectural Control Committee and other agencies as needed.
- Parking in the right of way (20 feet on either side of the road) is intended to be temporary.
- Basketball goals and skateboard ramps on the edge of the road are prohibited by Dare County ordinances.
- Dogs are not allowed in the soundside park area.
- When boat trailers and vehicles are parked on empty lots, the Colington Harbour maintenance crew cannot mow properly. Please help us maintain these areas if you have such large items on your empty lot.

Board of Directors Election Results

Congratulations to Ken Pagurek, Don Brady and Paulette Benz who were elected to serve on the Colington Harbour Association Board of Directors! The following is the new list of officers:

President	Ken Pagurek
Chairman	Paulette Benz
1 st Vice President	Vacant
2 nd Vice President	Don Brady
Treasurer	John Collins
Secretary	Frank Hendricks
Member-at-Large	Melissa McAllister

Special thanks to the following volunteers who assisted with the Board of Directors election process:

*Roger & Bette Dow, Mary Ann T. Johnson
Jack Leonard, Lindsay Pack, Don & Gloria Porter*

Upcoming Events & Meetings:

July 17 th	CHY&RC Dinner, Clubhouse 6:00 PM
July 20 th	CHA Board Meeting, Clubhouse 7:00 PM
August 14 th	CHY&RC Dinner, Clubhouse TBA

Summertime in the Harbour

Special thanks to Herman Norfleet for donating mulch!



Nancy D'Andrade (in blue) and Gayle Michler (in pink) plant flowers.



Judy Welsh and Jim Roberts spruce up the front gate.

Colington Harbour Jetty Evaluation



The Board of the Association commissioned a study to evaluate the alignment of the jetties at the entrance to the harbor to determine if future maintenance and dredging expenses could be reduced. Board member Melissa McAllister and Association member Carl Miller have worked to use local resources to collect information to be used in the study. The report finds that the jetties are not functioning efficiently and there needs to be realignment, lengthening of the jetties or both to reduce the shoaling in the channel. The hydrographic survey performed by local specialist and historic sounding drawings from past dredge projects show the shoaling in the channel occurs predominantly from the north. Realigning the north jetty to be parallel with the south jetty will improve safe passage in the channel.

The following is an excerpt from a report prepared by William A. Dennis, PE for Colington Harbour Association on ways to improve the entrance to the harbor.

The model results indicate that improvement in the efficiency of the jetty plan can be made with a parallel alignment. The more confined ebb jet has higher velocities that will in turn help scour away sediments at the entrance channel.

Estimates are being compiled to construct new jetties in a parallel alignment. The cost to construct the new jetties of wood, synthetics (vinyl) or stone will be provided to the members of the Association for their consideration in the near future.



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Manager's Report



With Summer in full swing here in the Outer Banks, the Harbour has been brimming with activity. Good news: Early reports suggest that the vacation rental market has improved since last year, and local restaurants and businesses appear to be bustling. Bad news: It's possible that the Gulf oil spill may affect our beaches, or at a minimum, swirl into our nearby gulfstream waters (for more details, see page 7).

Within the gates of the Community, your homeowners' association has been very active, and recently completed a number of significant projects. First, we've constructed large sections of new bulkhead within the marina around the finger piers as well as along the soundside. Second, our maintenance

staff has spruced up the soundside park, and added a closed, designated swim area for bathers. On the horizon, more potential improvements are under evaluation including the construction of a new jetty system (for more details, see page 2), a new electronic sensor and stoplight entry system for the front gate, and additional paving of those roads most in need within the Harbour.

As always, we encourage you to come out, and get involved within your community through the Colington Harbour Association. Your Property Supervisor, Deke Bolte, is available during business hours at the Clubhouse, plus Saturday mornings during the Summer. Similarly, your volunteer Board members are only a phone call away, and open Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Clubhouse.

Niels E. Moore
Property Manager, Cape Management

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor:

I've been impressed by the grounds and play yard at Manteo Marina in that it is pet friendly and yet always clean! They have installed a "pooper scooper" dispenser right on the sidewalk. This would make good sense for our soundfront park, seeing as so many of our residents are animal lovers. We could change our park rules to something like: (1) Dogs on leash only; and (2) Please clean up after your pet. What do you all think?

– Sharon Douglass

Dogs are not allowed in the Harbour's soundside park. Our newly-formed Park Subcommittee will be looking at this issue, as well. Stay tuned.
– Editor

Dear Editor:

Who should I call for help with Association issues?

– Anonymous

Deke Bolte, Property Supervisor, at the Colington Harbour Association office (252-441-5886) should be able to help the majority of questions or concerns that you may have, except for accounting issues – please contact Cape Management (252-480-2700) related to your assessment bill or other similar questions. Board members are also available, but please be considerate of their time, and remember that they are all volunteers.

– Editor

Dear Editor: Did you know?

Aqua-Reslin pesticide used by Dare County for mosquito control kills bees? Is extremely toxic to fish and other invertebrates? Should not be sprayed within 200' of water and should not be sprayed when winds exceed 10mph.

Drift and runoff from treated areas may be hazardous to aquatic organisms in neighboring areas?

This is the report put out by Bayer Environmental Service. Anyone can get this report from Dare County and anyone can call mosquito control to have the mosquito truck stop spraying in front of your house. How many times have you seen the mosquito truck not adhering to these guidelines? First of all, there isn't a road in Colington that's not within 200 feet of water, or most of the Outer Banks for that matter.

How often is the wind blowing less than 10mph? I wonder how effective spraying in the air is anyway in killing mosquitos. Don't they breed on water? If this pesticide is that toxic to be effective what affect is it having on our vegetable and herb gardens and ultimately our bodies... especially small children, the elderly and pregnant women. And the bees! Einstein said if the bees die we die. Beehive collapse has been a big concern for the past few years. Pesticides have been found to be a contributing factor. Dare County will tell you that they spray at night when bees are not active. But does anyone know how long this pesticide remains active in killing after it gets on plants and flowers?

There are green friendly sprays that can be used. I think we should look into them. I know some people will bring up their fears of West Nile virus, but there has only been one case that I know of in the history of the Outer Banks. There are also effective lotions one can apply. Mosquitos are a nuisance but at what price? I would like to see these questions and concerns addressed by our community and all of Dare County.

– A concerned citizen

For detailed information about Aqua-Relin, check out the following Dare County website:

http://www.co.dare.nc.us/depts/Public_Works/mosquito/Aqua-Reslin.pdf

– Editor

WANTED: Letters to the Editor

Have an issue you'd like to bring to the community's attention? Send an email to the Editor of Harbour Headlines at chamanager@embarqmail.com, and we may print your letter.

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Colington Harbour Yacht & Racquet Club News and Events

On July 17th the CHY&RC Dinner this month will be a POT LUCK dinner – please come, bring your favorite appetizer, covered dish, or desert. Socializing starts at 6PM upstairs at the Club House

On Aug 14th the CHY&RC Dinner is scheduled. Please watch the sign at the front gate for details.

Also please watch the sign at the front gate for CHY&RC Saturday evening Socials scheduled throughout the summer! Bring an appetizer and come and visit with your neighbors.

The Youth Swim Team meets every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7PM until 8PM. We encourage you to sign your child up. There is \$15 joining fee. The Youth Swim Team will be having fundraising events again this year on Wednesday evenings at 6PM. These events will be Ice Cream Socials as well as Cook Outs. Please watch for information at the front gate. The first Ice Cream Social on Wed, June 23 was a big success – we hope to see you at the other Swim Team fund raising events throughout the summer.

Pool Hours during the summer are Monday thru Saturday from 11AM until 7PM and Sunday Noon until 7PM. On Wednesday evening the pool will have a Sunset Hour Swim from 7PM until 8PM. Additionally, the water Aerobics Classes have begun with a strong attendance. These classes are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30AM until 10:30 AM. All published times are based on “weather permitting”. Children under eleven (11) years of age must be accompanied at all times by an adult.

The Zoomba Class has begun – watch the bulletin board for more information.

THANK YOU to everyone that came out for the Third Annual Pig Picking. Specials thanks to the Outer Banks Brew Station for their donation of macaroni salad, and to Kelly's for their fantastic baked beans.

The attendance and help received from within the community was outstanding. Many of you signed up for potential events and programs at CHY&RC. These changes and suggestions will be reviewed by the CHY&RC board of directors for consideration and implementation. We will send out notification of upcoming events, planning meetings, etc. in the near future. Thank you again for sharing your thoughts and needs with us.

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North Carolina Prepares for Effects from the Gulf Oil Spill

Like you, Gov. Bev Perdue and the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety are concerned about any potential impacts to North Carolina from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Current forecasts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) continue to predict a remote chance that oil could threaten our coast. Still, we want to be sure we are ready for any disaster that may impact our state. That is why various state and federal agencies have been actively meeting for weeks to discuss and plan the state's response if oil from spill should reach our coast.

Who is Responsible for What?

The U.S. Coast Guard is the lead agency in charge of response if oil should threaten North Carolina's coastal waters. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is the lead for threats to inland waters. The N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety's Emergency Management Division is the lead state response agency while the Department of Environment and Natural Resources would be the lead technical advisory group for any response efforts. For more information about North Carolina's response plan, download the fact sheet.

FAQs - The Gulf Oil Spill & North Carolina

Q: Will oil from BP's Deepwater Horizon site reach North Carolina?

A: There is no guaranteed way to predict if or when oil might reach our coastline. However, scientists with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have told state officials the possibility is remote.

Q: If the oil does reach North Carolina, what will the damage look like?

A: Officials say if the oil does reach the N.C. coast, the results will most likely be residual effects – tar balls and other smaller forms of the leftovers – not in the form of an oil sheen slick.

Q: What is the state doing to prepare?

A: The state of North Carolina is closely monitoring BP's Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. State and federal agencies are coordinating plans to be fully prepared to respond if or when the oil reaches our state. North Carolina has an oil spill response plan that defines roles and responsibilities for various state and federal agencies. The plan is available on the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety's Web site under the Division of Emergency Management. It can be viewed on the web by clicking here: www.nccrimecontrol.org/div/EM/documents/NCEOP-2009-PublicVersion.pdf. The oil response plan is on pages 433-480.

CCPS is currently working with the U.S. Coast Guard and other federal and state agencies to review the plan and make any needed changes to deal with a spill of this unparalleled scope.

Q: Who is the lead agency?

A: The U.S. Coast Guard is the lead agency in charge if oil threatens coastal waters, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is the lead for inland waters. CCPS's Division of Emergency Management is the lead state response agency. The N.C. State Emergency Response Team, headed by the state emergency management director, assists federal agencies, coordinates state preparations and response activities and works with local communities and responders.

State response agencies include the departments of Crime Control and Public Safety, Environment and Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, and others.

Q: Will gas prices go up because of the spill?

A: The AAA motorist organization says retail gasoline prices should increase a few cents, but the spill is not expected to have much influence on short-term retail gasoline prices.

Q: Will the oil slow a hurricane if one runs through the slick?

A: According to the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration:

- Most hurricanes span an enormous area of the ocean (200-300 miles) — far wider than the current size of the spill.
- The oil is not expected to appreciably affect either the intensity or the track of a fully developed tropical storm or hurricane.
- The oil slick would have little effect on the heights of storm surge or near-shore waves.

Q: Are recent coastal recreational swimming advisories associated with the oil spill?

A: No. Swimming advisories are issued by the Division of Environmental Health but are done so in response to high levels of bacteria unrelated to the oil spill. North Carolina beaches are open, and no closures, advisories or alerts are in place due to the Gulf oil spill.

Q: How much oil from the Gulf would need to come for our waterways and beaches to be closed?

A: The EPA has recommended that if oil is visible that recreational water quality advisories should be posted by the Division of Environmental Health. Shellfish waters would be recommended closed if a visible oil sheen is observed and/or sensory analysis of shellfish indicates oil contamination. The Division of Environmental Health does not have the authority to close beaches. That directive could come only from the state and/or local county health director.

Marina Slips Available

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