



From the Quarterdeck by Dick Cole, Commodore



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Hurricane Isabel

Everything is playing second fiddle to Isabel.

Stove Point was hit with vengeance. The club came through well, considering what damages other marinas and homes around us had. Pine trees were down across the parking lot; Leland Cypress trees were down along the east boundary. Big limbs, debris of all nature, deck boards, parts of piers, poles and all sorts of other stuff were floating around in the water or up on dry land. **Looked like a hurricane hit it.**

The Club Manager and I reviewed all facilities and things are not as bad as they could have been. Here is a quick overview of the damage to the club.

Houses. All came through with out so much as a scratch.

Grounds, three big pine trees by the water tank fell towards Fannie House, big limbs were down all over the club property, many of the Leland Cypress belonging to the Stull Property were down across the fence and on boats. There is no apparent damage to drysail boats and boats in racks. None of the big oaks around the Fannie or the New Club House sustained any major damage.

Piers. Jackson Creek. West and Pump Out Pier received no damage. The **Middle Pier** received minor damage. Some finger piers and stringer sections had been rearranged, some deck boards were missing and the "T" lost all deck

boards. Two pilings were pulled out or broke on the outer east "T". **East Pier** sustained major damage to the outer 100 feet and is unusable. The support stringers were in the water and 30 percent of all dock boards were missing. All pilings seem to be in place and slips are presently usable but getting to them is by water only. **Fishing Bay Pier.** Isabel did a number on the pier. The pier is practically a total disaster. It looked as if an explosion happened under the dock and all stringer sections were rearranged side to side and up and down. Most of the "T" section was on the beach or floating around with other parts of the dock. The **Junior Ramp** is gone.

Club and Member Boats. We had four boats on the outer end of the middle pier sustain damages. Several other boats sustained damages when lines parted. All club boats were out of the water and had no damage.

Our insurance company has been notified and has reviewed the club's damages. We are in the process of contacting a marine contractor to check our docks and contract for additional repair work.

Due to the damage Isabel did to so many marinas and private docks in our area, it could be some time before a contractor can be on site and actually start the repair work. We will not set back and wait.

We have had volunteer work parties each weekend working on the Jackson Creek and the Fishing Bay

Piers. The present plan is to get the Jackson Creek Middle and East Piers back in operation as soon as possible. The Fishing Bay Pier is damaged so badly, it may take a good bit longer to return it to full use. We have put barriers and signs on the Fishing Bay, East and Middle Piers on Jackson Creek. Members are asked not to use or walk on the piers past the barricades for any reasons. We have not yet had the opportunity to fully access the damage to the remainder of the FB and JC East and Middle Piers, so members should exercise extreme care when using the portions that are not barricaded.

I want to thank the many members and the club staff for pitching in and doing a great job in preparing the club for Isabel. With the exception of the piers, we had very little damage and this is due to preparing for the worst. Thanks also goes to the many members who have worked tirelessly to get the club back in usable shape. Again, thanks to all. For those of you who have had all you can take of Isabel and the after effects, come down to the club, go sailing and get away from it all. Your club is open for business.

See you at the club