





## **Boating Advisory**

## Preparing Your Vessel for the Approaching Winter Season

The Winter Season is approaching and soon we will be experiencing its effects here in the Harbor.

Remember, it is easier to get your vessel ready for stormy weather before the wet and stormy weather hits.

Some of the tasks that will get your vessel ready for inclement weather include:

- clear your vessel's scuppers;
- check all lines, and secure halyards;
- securely fasten covers;
- · check automatic bilge pumps;
- Inspect and consider closing through-hull valves not related to your bilge pump systems, as related hose failures that occur can allow significant amounts of seawater into your vessel;
- Sailboat owners should secure mainsails and main covers and for those with roller-furling headsails, please secure them so that they will remain undamaged during high-wind events;
- Batten down all hatches.

When a storm does occur, Marina staff will be diligent in monitoring vessels to the best of their ability, and will provide assistance as they are able to, but with over 2,000 vessels in the water they cannot be on all of the docks at all times. Please be sure to provide current contact information to your marina office.

## On The Horizon:

Turkey Trot November 22
Holidays in the Harbor November 30
Boat Rides with Santa December 1 and 2

Boat Parade of Lights December 7, 8, 14 and 15

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