

The Beachcomber

Newport Beach Property Owners Association

SUMMER 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Previous message have commenced with, "summer is coming to an end, the weather is nice enough to get some bass fishing in, and that we had a close call with some tropical storms." Unfortunately, this time we received a direct hit by Hurricane Irene. We've survived for the most part, but the beach sustained significant erosion, the fishing pier was completely destroyed, and many of the boardwalks throughout have disappeared. Repairs are needed and we request a few helpful hours from you, our homeowners. To witness the damage first-hand, visit our new website at nbpoa.com.

On a lighter note, our mid-summer party was a huge success and this year was one of the largest turn-outs that we can remember! Many thanks go out to the dedicated board members and volunteers that provided their valuable time and efforts to make the event a hit. As usual, the kids enjoyed the water slide and there was plenty of food and refreshments for all. We anticipate many private parties at the beach next year, so please be sure to contact **Ralph D'Alesio** via the website to reserve your day.

After much deliberation, the board has determined that boat dockage fees will unfortunately need to be raised next season by approximately \$5.00 per foot for at least next year to maintain the marina's sustainability. Year over year, our community's budget has averaged between \$6,000 to \$10,000 dollars alone in maintenance costs. Now, we are faced with the expense of replacing the fishing pier and other popular features of our beach and marina. Beyond that, the Town of Brookhaven Highway Department may no longer be removing the dredge spoils each year, which their drainage system creates. This has the potential to create an additional liability of around \$5,000 per year to our already tight budget, and may eventually become a legal burden upon the entire community.

Each year, there are three board positions up for vote at our winter meeting. Present board members are eligible to be elected for an additional 3 year term. If anyone in the neighborhood is interested in becoming a board member, please let us know. We really could use someone with accounting skills (hint hint)!

Please try to make our general meeting at the fire house, and annual fall Beach Clean-Up Day. More hands make the day go much easier and it benefits the entire community no

matter how small or large. Please check our website at nbpoa.com for the dates.

Also, kindly review the many businesses that advertise in our Beachcomber as they are committed to helping our community grow!

We look forward to seeing you at our fall general meeting.

Dave Hablenko — President, 631-878-8948

MARINA REPORT

Well folks the boating season will soon be coming to an end. It has been a good summer with the exception of Hurricane Irene which did a lot of damage to the beach and fishing pier. We are working out the details on how we are going to proceed with the repairs. Remember that the Fall Beach Cleanup is Sunday, November 6th beginning at 9am. Please come down, there is always lot's to do!

The Snapper Derby was a huge success this year. The weather was great, the fish were jumping and the pier was full of kids with big smiles on their faces from all the fish they reeled in. Thank you to all who helped out changing bait, and untangling lines. A big thank you goes out to **Anthony Jacino** for donating the snapper rods this year. Next year we will have a lot more giveaways and maybe even a weights and measures committee on hand.

Another big thank you goes out to **John Westfield** for heading up the kayak rack installation. It has been a welcome addition to the beach. Please email me if you are interested in a space. The fee will be \$50 per slot per season. A waiting list will be generated if the rack becomes full.

There have been a few changes for the 2012 boating season. The board has voted and approved an approx. increase of \$5.00 per foot on all slips for at least the next year. The marina has not been able to sustain itself and has fallen into the red with regard to its yearly budget. We have also implemented a new marina rule...**if any named hurricane/tropical storm is projected to hit our area ALL boats must be removed from the marina.** This is to help preserve the docks and/or bulkhead. Please check out the revised marina rules for further details.

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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS



This year's snapper derby was a big success. Over 30 kids and their parents came down to participate. The fish cooperated and they were being caught left and right. We would like to congratulate our winners, **Alessandro Volpe** (center) caught the Biggest Fish, **Abigail Bamabee** (right) and **Dominick Pedone** (left) tied for the most fish caught. A special thank you goes out to **Gary Hansen / West Marine** for donating all the poppers and bait, and to **Anthony Jacino / Glass Star America** for donating the snapper poles.



HURRICANE IRENE

Hurricane Irene was not planned entertainment, however it really kept Newport Beach on our toes. If you evacuated from the area, you can see from the pictures that water rose up pretty high, which resulted in some damage to the beach and marina. We are in the process of trying to fix any damage caused. More photos and videos can be viewed on www.nbpoa.com.



BEACHCOMBER GET'S PERSONAL

Sunday, August 28, 2011, while we were experiencing the winds and waters of Irene, former long-time Newport Beach resident **Ann Widley** passed away at the age of 97—fighting until the last breath.

Ann left behind many friends, including Helen & Louisa Stengel, her granddaughters Danielle and Michelle, and four great grandchildren. Ann retired with her husband Frank in Newport Beach and lived here for over 20 years. Frank died in the 1980's, but she continued to watch over neighbors' children at the corner bus stop near her home on Timberpoint and Newport Beach Boulevard so that their parents could leave for work on time knowing the kids were safe. Ann was famous for sharing her fried chicken, potato pancakes and lasagna with neighbors. She also rescued many of the lost and injured cats.

Following an auto accident in 1999 which nearly killed her, Ann was forced by her substantial injuries to move to San Diego California to be near her only child, Bill Kovacks. She was a real fighter, and to the great surprise of her doctors, she recovered and continued to live independently in her own condo for years. Bill died six years ago in November.

If there are any events that you would like to share with all your neighbors, such as births, weddings, engagements, anniversaries, etc. please send an email to Louise Jacino at louise38@yahoo.com (please include NBPOA in the subject line) with the information and look for it in the next edition.

DATES AT A GLANCE

General Meeting @ the Firehouse

Friday, November 4, 2011
8:00 pm

Beach Cleanup

Sunday, November 6, 2011
9:00 am

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