

# D-Dock Dispatch

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## Labor Day BBQ

Since cancelling the events for the season, we have received much feedback. Apparently there is still a desire to have some events and it has been decided that we will be holding a Labor Day BBQ.

**HOWEVER-your cooperation is needed.**

Please understand that it is difficult to plan for a large party if people do not RSVP and this has been a problem in the past.

You **MUST** contact Nicky (C' Cruise)

(973)477-5547

by September 1st.....reply YES or NO

He does not need the money now-just an RSVP.  
A reminder email will be sent at the end of August.

## Labor Day BBQ

Sunday, September 6th

4 pm-???

Adults \$10

kids under 12 \$5

includes burger, hot dogs, chicken and sausage.

PLEASE bring something to share

(salad, appetizer, side dish, dessert)

As always-BYOB

**THANK YOU**

to Bob (Villa Bovaldi)  
who has graciously offered to  
print this issue of the newsletter



NO! It's not the tropics.  
It's a good old D-Dock sunset!

### D-Dock

### T-shirts

**Last chance to order  
this season.**



If you wish to place an order,  
please give it to Donna (Tidal 39 II)  
by August 29th.

Payment must accompany your order.

Order form is at the back of this newsletter.

Shirts should be delivered  
the weekend of September 11th.



# Save the Date

## SUMMERFEST Windward Beach

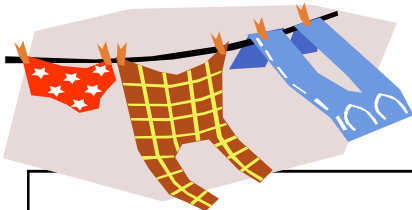
**August 20**, 6pm  
Fifth Annual Car Show - hosted by the  
Time Capsule Cruisers

**August 27**, 7pm  
Drive in Movie Night - "Monsters vs.  
Aliens"  
\*\*\*\*\*Fireworks - 9pm\*\*\*\*\*

**September 3**, 7pm  
Beatlemania Revisited, featuring the

Food Court and DJ for each show begin at 5pm.

If bad weather is pending, call 732-262-1006



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## D-Dock Investment Strategy

If you had purchased \$1000 of shares in Delta Airlines one year ago, you will have \$49.00 today.

If you had purchased \$1000 of shares in AIG one year ago, you will have \$33.00 today.

If you had purchased \$1000 of shares in Lehman Brothers one year ago, you will have \$0.00 today.

But---- if you had purchased \$1000 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the aluminum cans for recycling refund, you will have received \$214.00.

Based on the above, the best current investment plan is to drink heavily & recycle. It's called the 401-Keg.

## FLARES

Our recent collection netted over 60 flares, which were taken by Debbie and Mike (*Weekend Warrior*) to be used for Coast Guard Auxiliary Training sessions.

### REMEMBER:

**Expired flares are not regular garbage...**

As harmless as they may appear, marine flares are explosives and do not belong with your regular garbage.

**Flares do not go overboard...**

Flares that end up in oceans and lakes wash ashore, where they can be picked up by children, resulting in possible injuries.

**Expired flares should not be discharged as a means of disposal...** It is illegal to send a false distress signal.

**Proper disposal of flares...** We will set up another collection date next season.



## August/September

August 23rd-Gordon (*Gypsy Girl*)  
30th-Joe (*Jennifer Jo*)

September 3rd-Copley (*Sarah Bell*)  
5th-Tom (*Heading South*)  
7th-Al (*Perserverance*)  
9th-Joe (*Bard*)  
11th-Rob Skon  
13th-Elaine (*19th Hole*)  
Carlos (*Diamond Angel*)  
15th-Kathy- (*Lady KT*)  
16th-Rosalie (*My Outlet*)  
19th-Shannon (*Ennis-Menace*)  
22nd-Cheryl (*Danna Marie*)  
29th-Matt (*Brown Eyed Girl*)  
JP (*Ennis the Menace*)  
30th-Jay (*Sale n Buy*)  
Brenda- (*Max's Mako*)



Have something interesting to share?  
Recipes, boating tips, family news?  
Suggestions are always welcome.

Please email Donna at  
[BCHBMZ@msn.com](mailto:BCHBMZ@msn.com)

## Check out the D Dock Web Site



The web address is:

[http://www.homestead.com/  
Ddockers/index.html](http://www.homestead.com/Ddockers/index.html)

*Congratulations!*

Congratulations to  
Tory Benesch and Jeff Evans  
on their recent engagement.  
Tory is Reggie's (*Tory Girl IV*)  
youngest daughter.  
We wish Tory and Jeff  
a lifetime of health, love  
and happiness  
together.



The butcher backed into  
the meat grinder  
and got a little behind in his work.



## From the Galley...

### Grilled Pepper Poppers

- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) soft goat cheese
- 1/2 cup (4 ounces) fat-free cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) grated fresh Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup finely chopped seeded tomato
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 16 jalapeño peppers, halved lengthwise and seeded (about 1 1/2 pounds)
- Cooking spray
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

#### Preparation

1. Prepare grill to medium-high heat.
2. Combine first 7 ingredients in a bowl, stirring well.
3. Spoon about 2 teaspoons cheese mixture into each pepper half.
4. Place pepper halves, cheese side up, on grill rack coated with cooking spray.
5. Grill peppers 5 minutes or until bottoms of peppers are charred and cheese mixture is lightly browned.
6. Carefully place peppers on a serving platter.
7. Sprinkle with cilantro

Yield 16 servings (serving size: 2 pepper halves)

#### Nutritional Information

Calories: 84  
Fat: 4.8g (sat 3.1g, mono 1.2g, poly 0.2g)  
Protein: 7.1g  
Carbohydrate: 3.5g  
Fiber: 0.9g  
Cholesterol: 11mg  
Iron: 0.6mg  
Sodium: 334mg  
Calcium: 117mg

# Girlie Wisdom!

1. A friend of mine confused her Valium with her birth control pills... she has 14 kids but doesn't really care.
2. One of life's mysteries is how a 2-pound box of chocolates can make a woman gain 5 lbs.
3. My mind not only wanders, it sometimes leaves completely.
4. The best way to forget your troubles is to wear tight shoes.
5. The nice part about living in a small town is that when you don't know what you are doing, someone else does.
6. The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight because by then, your body and your fat are really good friends.
7. Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.
8. Sometimes I think I understand everything, and then I regain consciousness.
9. I gave up jogging for my health when my thighs kept rubbing together and setting fire to my knickers'!
10. Amazing! You hang something in your closet for a while and it shrinks 2 sizes!
11. Skinny people irritate me! Especially when they say things like...'You know sometimes I forget to eat!' .....Now I've forgotten my address, my mother's maiden name and my keys, but I have never forgotten to eat.  
You have to be a special kind of stupid to forget to eat!
12. The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing and then they marry him.
13. I read this article that said the typical symptoms of stress are eating too much, impulse buying, and driving too fast. Are they kidding? That's my idea of a perfect day!



*Thanks Elaine!*



**KT Marine**  
has what you need

Give KT Marine a call when you need a part,  
batteries or other boating supplies.  
Chances are Keith has it  
or can get it for you in a jiffy!  
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732-899-5750



# Learn Marine Photography from the Pros

-excerpts from Mad Mariner Magazine (thanks Pete)



To get the "money shot," veteran marine and underwater photographers have been tied to the side of a boat, towed behind a ski rope, dangled out of helicopters and dragged through shark-infested waters.

Having an adventurous spirit never hurts, but luckily we don't have to cheat death or act as chum to snap great photographs. Learning to take better pictures of boats and maritime scenery requires a general understanding of basic photography principals, such as lighting, composition and perspective.

**Equipment:** Good news: You don't need to break the bank to start taking high-quality photographs. "It's not the tool, it's what you do with the it." Any decent camera in the hands of someone who knows what they're doing will produce decent photographs. It's a marketing myth that you have to spend a lot of money to get good at taking photos. At a bare minimum, get a digital camera with an **optical zoom**. Also-you need to shoot some photos overexposed and some underexposed; if you're just using 'auto,' you'll be very limited. A tripod isn't necessary, but you must learn to hold the camera very still.

**Lighting:** As a general rule, the best times to shoot are early morning and late afternoon/early evening on sunny, clear days. At these hours, the light is soft and low, and there are no harsh overhead shadows cast by the midday sun. But as is the case with nearly every rule, there are exceptions. For example, if you're photographing a boat in the Caribbean and really want to emphasize the turquoise-blue water, shooting midday is your best bet. You need the sun high in the sky to be reflecting to capture that beautiful color. There are even instances when a few clouds overhead can actually improve your chances of getting a great shot. A slightly overcast day can prevent the typically stark-white hull, deck cushions and exterior fabric from looking washed out. The direction of light is also important. Things are much more interesting side-lit as opposed to front-lit. Backlighting is dramatic, too. Try moving around your subject and seeing what "looks" interesting.

In a photo, usually less is more. Too much background can make a photo that is too busy and confusing.

If you want to get closer to your subject and achieve a tighter shot, physically move yourself (if possible) as opposed to zooming in with the camera lens.

**Perspective:** Photographing a boat from different angles is a good way to add drama and interest. Angling the camera so you have a three-quarter bow or three-quarter stern shot are often attractive positions.

Try **not** to use the computer as a substitute for proper composition. It's important to learn to see the image in the camera as the finished product. Photoshop is a great tool, but it's not the answer to everything.

Often the smallest details in a shot say more about that scene or image than seeing everything in the frame. Instead of taking just one picture of a boat at anchor, try to zero in on a few more intricate details on deck: A pair of children's shoes; a tightly coiled line; the subtle curve of the bowrail. Sometimes a part of the picture tells just as much about the story. Often the best shots will come from positioning your camera in the most unexpected places. For a change, try lying flat on the dock to photograph a boat or squatting down and shooting upward. If you're out fishing, place the camera almost directly on the rod or reel to create a different perspective. And don't forget about vertical shots. Turn your camera on end and see how that "frames" your subject.

**Practice:** There's no substitute for shooting and learning and critiquing. Look at magazines and see which photos appeal to you. Try to figure out **WHY?** you like a photo. If you keep a camera with you at all times, you're most likely to find opportunities to take great photos. The secret is there is no secret. There's no substitute for practice. And don't forget to have FUN!



# Kidz Korner

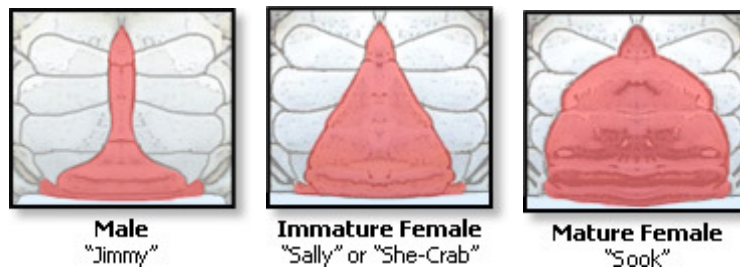


## Blue Claw Crabs

Here's an easy way to tell the difference between a male and female blue crab. Males have blue claws, and, like most humans, female blue crabs "paint their fingernails" (i.e., the tips of their claws are "painted" red!)

In addition to the claws, there are other (better) ways to determine the gender of a blue crab. As you will see in the following images, the male and female crab have entirely different shaped aprons which makes determining gender very easy. And, the apron is yet again very different for adolescent and adult females making it easy to determine the female's maturity.

### Blue Crab Abdomens



#### More crab facts

- \*A male blue crab, known as a "Jimmy", has a long, narrow, inverted "T" shaped apron and blue-tipped claws.
- \*A immature (adolescent) female blue crab, known as a "Sally" or "She-Crab", is easily identified as having an inverted "V" or triangular shaped apron and red-tipped claws.
- \*A mature (adult) female blue crab, known as a "Sook", is identified as having an inverted "U" or bell-shaped apron and red-tipped claws.
- \*Adult blue crabs prefer mollusks such as oysters and hard clams as their primary food sources. The crab uses the tips of its front-most walking legs to probe the bottom for buried bivalves and to manipulate them after they are located. Some other common food items include dead and live fish, crabs (including other blue crabs), shrimp, organic debris, and aquatic plants and associated fauna such as roots, shoots and leaves of sea lettuce, eelgrass, ditch grass, and salt marsh grass. It will also prey on oyster spat, newly set oysters and clams, or young oysters and quahogs if other food is unavailable.
- \*Blue crabs have the ability to sacrifice limbs (called autotomy) in order avoid capture. Missing limbs are regrown by a process called regeneration.
- \*In order for the crab to grow larger, it must periodically shed its smaller shell through a process known as molting. The crab sheds its hard shell, and grows a larger soft shell that eventually hardens. Females molt 18 to 20 times in the course of a lifetime. Males are believed to go through the ordeal 21 to 23 times.
- \*Crabs actually have ten appendages (legs) and are called decapods.
- \*They are crustaceans which means hard shell.
- \*Crabs teeth are in their stomach.
- \*They have swim paddles on their fins that help them swim.
- \*Crabs only live about 3 years.



The T on D is the place to be! Where's Joey???



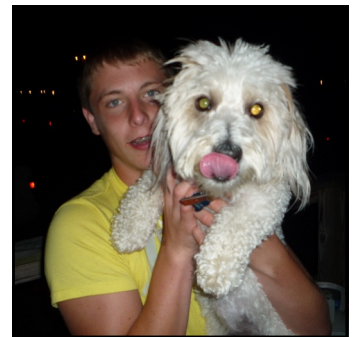
Uncle Nick- the godfather of D-Dock



Birthday Girl



Le PC crew chillin' at the pool



Bobby and Tiki



Mmmmm-Max loves chocolate cake!



Woodstock déjà vu crew



Who is that handsome devil?





Conch sunset in Jersey-Gordon Style



Love those RED shoes Joe



Life is good!



Dave makes the BEST pancakes.  
THANKS Diane!



Crabbing is always good  
on D-Dock



The Breakfast Club

## D-Dock Shirts

\*All T-shirts are pre-washed  
and hand silk screened

\*Please give your order with payment  
to Donna (*Tidal 39 II*) by : Aug. 29th

\*T-Shirts will be delivered by:  
Sept 11th weekend

### Adult Tee-\$15

Gildan (5000) 5.3 oz  
color: Yellow Haze

s	m	l	xl
xxl- plus \$2			xxxl- plus \$2

### Women's Cut Tee-\$15

Anvil (978) 5.4 oz.  
color: Yellow Haze

s	m	l	xl
xxl- plus \$1			

### Youth Sized Tee-\$13

Gildan (5000B) 5.3 oz.  
color: Yellow Haze

xs	s	m	l	xl
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Example of the T-Shirt Logo

### Organic Cotton Tees

#### Adult Tee-\$17

Anvil (OR420) 5 oz  
color: Yellow Haze

s	m	l	xl
xxl- plus \$2			xxxl- plus \$2

#### Women's Cut Tee-\$17

Anvil (OR428) 5 oz.  
color: Yellow Haze

s	m	l	xl
xxl- plus \$2			xxxl- plus \$2

#### Youth Sized Tee-\$14

Anvil (OR420B) 5 oz.  
color: Yellow Haze

xs	s	m	l	xl
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**Boat Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Slip #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Customer name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: CASH**

### Adult Hoodie-\$27

Jeerzie Sweatshirt 90% cotton/10% polyester  
color: White or Ash

s	m	l	xl
xxl- plus \$3			

### Adult Crew Neck Sweatshirt-\$20

Fruit of the Loom  
color: White or Ash

s	m	l	xl
xxl -plus \$3			xxxl- plus \$3

### Adult Tank Top-\$14

Fruit of the Loom (2930R) 100% cotton 5.6 oz.  
color: White or Ash

s	m	l	xl	xxl
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### Women's Tank Top-\$14

Anvil (815) 100% cotton 5.6 oz.  
color: Yellow Haze

s	m	l	xl	xxl
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### Women's Spaghetti Strap Tank Top-\$16

Bella (slim-fit) 100% cotton  
color: Yellow Haze

s	m	l	xl	xxl
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~Payment is due with order.

~If you have any questions, you can contact Pete:  
201-931-6705 or PMasucci@optonline.net