EMERGENCY NOTICE REGARDING THE MARINA

IN PREPARATION FOR HURRICANE IRENE THE FOLLOWING ARE RULES IN EFFECT, AS WELL AS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SLIP HOLDERS, BOAT OWNERS AND UNIT OWNERS:

1. **ALL SLIP AND BOAT OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING AND PROPERLY SECURING THEIR VESSELS. THIS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 7 PM FRIDAY, AUGUST 26TH. SEVERN HOUSE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING BOATS IN THE MARINA.**

2. **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT DINGHIES BE REMOVED FROM THE DINGHY RACKS ALONG THE PROMENADE. FOR THE DURATION OF THE STORM, DINGHIES CAN BE STORED IN BACK OF PROPERTY NEAR THE DUMPSTERS. A BETTER SOLUTION WOULD BE TO DEFATE DINGHIES AND PROPERLY STORE.**

3. **IF YOUR BOAT OR DINGHY CAUSE DAMAGE TO PIERS, PILINGS, THE BULKHEAD, DINGHY RACKS OR OTHER SEVERN HOUSE PROPERTY, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF REPAIR.**

4. **ALL OWNERS SHALL REMOVE GAS CANS AND LUBRICANTS FROM DOCK BOXES AND FROM UNDER THE DINGY RACKS. SECURE YOUR DOCK BOXES SO THE LIDS WILL NOT BLOW AWAY. REPLACEMENT WILL BE AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE.**

5. **SEVERN HOUSE WILL SHUT DOWN THE ELECTRIC POWER TO THE DOCKS SEVERN HOUSE WILL SHUT OFF WATER TO THE DOCKS BY 12:00 PM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH. SEVERN HOUSE WILL POWER UP THE ELECTRIC POWER TO THE DOCKS AFTER THE STORM HAS SUFFICIENTLY CLEARED THE AREA AND THE STORM SURGE HAS RECEDED.**

6. **ALL BOAT OWNERS SHALL REMOVE ELECTRIC POWER PLUGS FROM THE ELECTRIC JUNCTION BOX AT YOUR SLIP BY 12:00 PM ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH. PROPERLY STORE ELECTRIC POWER PLUGS ABOARD YOUR BOAT. ENSURE THAT YOUR BOAT BATTERIES ARE FULLY CHARGED TO WITHSTAND THE STORM AND THE POTENTIAL NEED FOR ONBOARD BILGE PUMPS.**

7. **AUGUST 27TH. SEVERN HOUSE WILL RETURN WATER SERVICE WHEN IT IS DETERMINED TO BE SAFE FOR DRINKING. DO NOT DRINK WATER FROM THE DOCK SYSTEM UNTIL YOU RECEIVE AN ALL CLEAR FROM THE DOCKMASTER VIA AN ELECTRONIC POSTING.**

8. **IF THE WATER LEVEL IS ABOVE THE BULKHEAD/PIERS, ENTER AT YOUR ON RISK. ELECTRIC SHOCK IS POSSIBLE UNDER FLOODING CONDITIONS AND COULD CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

9. **A "HURRICANE WORK PARTY" IS PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 27TH at 9AM. ALL ABLE BODIED UNIT OWNERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND. THE PURPOSE IS TO COMPLETE FINAL PREPARATION FOR THE MARINA BEFORE THE STORM. PLEASE JOIN MEMBERS OF THE DOCK COMMITTEE AT THE POOL. HOPEFULLY, ALL OF THE WORK CAN BE COMPLETED QUICKLY.**
HURRICANE TIPS FOR BOAT OWNERS:

Depending on your location and situation, you may choose to:

1) Haul your vessel out of the water (normally the best option and most insurance policies will help with haul-out costs if a warning is issued in your area),

2) Move it to a safer harbor away from the storm, or

3) Secure it in its berth in the marina. If your best option available is to keep it in its berth, the following steps are advisable:

• Double all lines. Rig crossing spring lines fore and aft. Attach lines high on pilings to allow for tidal rise or surge. Make sure lines will not slip off pilings. Inspect pilings and choose those that appear the strongest and tallest and are installed properly. Cover all lines at rough points or where lines feed through chocks to prevent chafing. Wrap with tape, rags and rubber hoses or leather. Install fenders, fender boards or tires if necessary to protect the boat from rubbing against the pier, pilings and other boats.

• Remove all portable equipment such as canvas, sails, dinghies, electronics cushions, biminis and roller furling sails. Lash down everything you are unable to remove such as tillers, wheels and booms.

• Fully charge the batteries and check to ensure their capability to run automatic bilge pumps for the duration of the storm. Consider backup batteries. Shut off all devices consuming electricity except bilge pumps, and disconnect shore power cables.

• Do not stay aboard. Winds, during any hurricane, can exceed 100 mph and tornadoes are often associated with these storms. Above all safeguard human life.

A valuable source of hurricane information is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA provides excellent updates on the path and strength of all major hurricanes, and you can track the storms' progress by clicking on their link at www.nhc.noaa.gov

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