Profit From Marinas Topic at Syracuse

Profitable marina operation is the focus of the first statewide marina operators meeting, to be held in Syracuse from 1:30 p.m., Thursday, March 28 to 3:30 p.m., Friday, March 29.

Topics to be covered include, "The Gas Shortage and Your Marina Operation;" "Getting Permits for Expansion;" "New Storage Techniques;" "Liability in Your Marina" "Organizing for Action" and "State Plans for Marinas."

A special feature will be a report on the New York Marina business survey conducted under Sea Grant auspices in 1973. The researchers visited over 169 marinas spread throughout New York State. A number of Long Island marina operators heard a report on the downstate marina businesses at the New York Boat Show and the intense questioning and discussion which followed suggests it should have equally high interest to other New York marina operators. Here's a good chance to find out how your marina compares to others in the state.

Neil Ross, Rhode Island Marine Trade Association; Professor Joseph Bugliari, a lawyer at Cornell University; representatives of the State Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of Parks and Recreation, the U.S. Corp of Engineers and the U.S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation will speak and respond to questions you have.

The conference at the Holiday Inn (West) in Syracuse is open to any interested person. A registration fee will be charged to cover luncheon, coffee and proceedings.

A unique feature of this conference is a panel of marina operators discussing how they are attempting to make money while solving problems of waste handling.

DEDUCTING FLOOD DAMAGE

The 1973 Federal Income Tax has provisions for persons whose property suffered damage due to high water and flooding in 1973. Such damage is classified as a casualty loss, thus property owners can make certain deductions on their 1973 income tax return by following Internal Revenue Service Guidelines.

These Guidelines state that a property owner must:

1) prove that the casualty occurred. Newspaper clippings and pictures will help here.

2) substantiate the value of the property immediately before and after the casualty. Appraisals by a competent expert are important.

3) document the cost of repairing the property. Cancelled checks and vouchers will help the property owner. (The cost of protective devices against future casualties is not deductible.)

4) show the original cost of the property as the loss cannot be greater than that. Property owners should (continued on page 2)
A MARINE RADIO FOR YOU?

Many pleasure boaters are interested in installing a marine radio on board their vessels for the added convenience it provides to the boat owner. Direct communication with the Coast Guard is provided and weather information is continuously broadcast by the National Weather Service. Marine telephone service is available (with extra crystals) which enables the boater to virtually any telephone in the world if he is in radio range of a marine radio telephone station. While many recreational boaters have equipped their vessels with citizens band (CB) gear it is not considered reliable for emergency purposes since the Coast Guard is not required to monitor these frequencies. The citizens band radio has a much shorter range and much more interference and static than VHF/FM.

VHF/FM

There are now no licenses being issued for AM marine radios. All installations now must be of VHF/FM equipment. This new FM gear has better audio characteristics than the AM gear; its main drawback is its limited range (50 miles). The advantages of static and interference free operation will outweigh the drawback of the limited range for most pleasure boat owners. Those boats that need greater range can install single side band (SSB) gear if they (1) already have a VHF/FM on board and (2) can prove that they regularly go more than 20 miles offshore.

Licenses

To equip your boat with VHF/FM gear two licenses are required, (1) a station license and (2) an operator’s license. Licenses and forms are available at Federal Communications Commission Field Office Marine Division, 641 Washington Street, New York, N.Y. 10014. If you appear in person an interim license will be issued which enables you to immediately use your gear. The processing time for mailed applications is about six weeks.

There are additional rules and license requirements for “compulsory equipped” vessels (such as those carrying passengers for hire). These commercial boats should call the New York Field Office at 212-620-5746 for additional information.

An information sheet on the FCC radio regulations and how they effect pleasure and commercial fishing vessels is available (free) through the Stony Brook Advisory Service office. The address is listed on the back page.

For further information on casualty loss deductions due to last year’s high water problems, contact your local Sea Grant Advisory Service or Internal Revenue Service Office.


I WANT MORE

Further details to help solve several coastal problems are available. Each month we will try to list several publications of possible interest to you; check off those you would like to read and forward your request to the Sea Grant Advisory Office nearest to you. Addresses are listed on the back page.

—M1— Fishing Business Management. 8 pp.
—M3— The Natural Protection Bibliography (mimeo).

There is a charge for the following publications. Make checks payable to "Cornell University."

—A1— New York Sea Grant Year III Proposal. 109 pp. $2.00
—A2— Management of the Biological Resources of the Lake Ontario Basin. $2.00
—A3— Public Images and Coastal Zone Management Part I: Policy Implications. 32 pp. $1.00
—A4— Public Images and Coastal Zone Management Part II: Technical Progress Report 12 pp. $0.50
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NEW EDITIONS OF CHARTS


NEW YORK EAST RIVER-TALLMAN ISLAND to Queensboro Bridge, 26th edition of Chart No. 226 (N.O. 12147), issued Sept. 15, 1973, scale of 1:10,000. Price $1.75.

New editions of Charts cancel former editions. Mariners are warned against the use of obsolete charts as new editions contain information essential to safe navigation. Charts may be purchased from Director, National Ocean Survey (formerly Coast and Geodetic Survey), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Dept. of Commerce and its authorized sales agents.

(from Fishery Market News Report)

Sea Grant College designation for New York's Sea Grant Program may be sought as a result of a recent governing board decision. Favor for moving ahead as though application for such designation was to be made was expressed at a January meeting of this policy making group. Sea Grant Colleges are identified by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration only upon substantial evidence of a Sea Grant institution's high degree of competency and breadth of ability in working with coastal problems.

Lake Erie residents will soon benefit from increased presence of Sea Grant on that coast. Pennsylvania State University and the New York Sea Grant Program are cooperating to establish a position for an Advisory Service staff member located on the SUNY campus at Fredonia. That position hopefully will be filled by June.

Student at SUNY-Brockport will have the opportunity to participate in a study of Irondequoit Bay this spring. With the assistance of the New York Sea Grant Advisory Service, they will be investigating the possible biological impact of opening this section of Lake Ontario to recreational boating. Their efforts should help local decision makers establish a policy for future use of the Bay.

Keep an eye open for the upcoming spring conference on the impact of outdoor recreation in the Eastern Basin of Lake Ontario. Though still in the planning stages, the meeting will center on discussions of the Lake Ontario Salmonid Program, coastal zone management, outdoor recreation facilities, and how all of these new developments are likely to effect the citizens of New York state. Further details of this meeting will be carried in future issues of Coastlines.

Mr. Glenn Mallof, who has been working with a Youth Development Program in conjunction with Cooperative Extension in New York City, has left that position to complete a Masters degree at New York University. His Advisory Service position is now open to applicants. Inquiries may be directed to: Grace Hilt, Recruitment Specialist, 212 Roberts Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York 14850.

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