

# PKA News

## Interview with Harbormaster

By Gail Halada

The brief definition of the position of Harbormaster as found in Pine Knoll Associations' (PKA) Directors Handbook is as follows: The Harbor Master is appointed by the director of waterways and approved by the Board of Directors and is responsible for the assignment of boat slips at Brock Basin and Hall Haven. He or she may request necessary maintenance of the bulkheads, piers, docks, and utility services at the marinas to the director of waterways.

Following is an interview with Walter Geist, the PKA homeowner association harbormaster:

**Walter, how long have you held this position for PKA?**

*"It's been a long time. I can't remember when I started."*

**Did you find this position a challenge? If so explain the challenges you have faced?**

*"There have been some interesting times rebuilding some of the old fixed docks and trying to re-float some boats that lost bilge pumps and were taking on water. We have been pretty lucky weathering storms and finding viable slips for association members on a timely basis."*

**Who assists you in your maintenance projects?**

*"There have been many who have provided help in maintaining the marinas, nailing planks, restoring stringers and helping in emergencies. I have been impressed with the quality of the board members and their willingness to go the extra mile, and 'walk the talk.'"*

**How do you manage the assignments for the slips?**

*"The combined marinas have nearly 100 slips, making them one of the larger marinas in the county. I discovered this while taking a marine management class at the community college. There has always been a waiting list for Brock Basin, and until the new docks were built, there was a significant backlog for larger slips. Priority has always been given for boats that cannot reach Hall Haven (sail boats and larger power boats), and even then, some have had to wait for years."*

We are sorry to announce that Walter will not be serving next year as our Harbormaster. He has done a wonderful job and donates many hours of his time to meeting the needs of PKA boat owners. He will be greatly missed. So we, the homeowners of PKA, wish to thank him for showing us what being a harbormaster is all about. Job well done!

## Mayor's Memo

By Ken Jones

As we roll into the summer season, we're also rolling into the end of the town's and state's fiscal year—an end and a new beginning. As this edition is published, your Board of Commissioners is preparing for the final vote on the FY-2012-2013 Pine Knoll Shores Budget. The board has worked diligently to make sure our town is as efficient as possible while taking care of the needs of the citizens and their property year round. Many changes take time in order for efficiencies and savings to be realized. Pine Knoll Shores is ahead of the efficiency curve. Why? Our team—our people!

Our team has as its cornerstone staff members who make sure we manage our resources, your money, wisely. They are always looking for better, smarter ways of doing business. Our team has as its backbone, many citizen volunteers. The team is rounded out with expertise from contractors to help us do more with less. This team always has the same primary concern in mind: Our community. We actually do pay attention to our town's vision statement and mission statement.

There is a lot going on, and as a community, a lot to look forward to. Do you have your PARC card? Why not? This card represents government and local business working together to save the cardholder money and encourage the cardholder to use local businesses, thereby helping local business. The card costs only \$20 per year and gives you discounts at the Country Club of the Crystal Coast, GLOBE Kids and Gals, and Ernie's Gift World in the Atlantic Station Shopping Center, the Monkey Bar, El Zarape, the Watermark, Port of Call, the Crystal Coast Lady and the Channel Marker restaurants. Proceeds from the sale of the card go toward activities put on by our Parks and Recreation Committee. Activities include Concerts in the Park, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot, the Christmas Flotilla, and parades, just to name a few. The card can be purchased at town hall during weekdays or at the Public Safety Building on weekends. It sure is easy to save the cost of the card!

Our town's major fundraising event will celebrate its fifth year with Kayak for the Warriors on June 8th and 9th. You can and should plan your entire weekend around this event! On Friday, the night before the kayak race, there will be a reception in Veterans' Park at town hall. At the reception and the day of the race, there is a silent auction. Kids, adults, fun, or competition: Something for everyone!

Our town is financially healthy, citizen and visitor friendly, and very, very active. Bring on the summer!

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