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MARINA BUZZ

September 2017

"Autumn is a second spring where every leaf is a flower."



-Albert Camus

Greetings!

Happy 1st day of fall! With the arrival of the fall equinox, things are definitely winding down here at the marina. But for the staff, we are merely switching gears. We are still renting boats for a short while longer, but you will see us moving around the yard, preparing for the next phase of business...fall haul out. We'll be hauling things out, wrapping them up, winterizing and repairing whatever is needed before the snow flies. And when those temperatures do start to dip, you'll most likely find us working inside the shop. See below for our updated fall hours. If we don't see you again this fall, have an amazing winter season & we'll catch ya in the spring!

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From the Helm



Ahoy Mates,

Well, we have come to that time of year where some of you are done boating. We hope that you had a great season. For the rest of you hearty boaters, get out and enjoy the stabilized weather patterns and the fall colors! If you are done boating, please submit a [completed work order](#) so we may get your request completed while things are a bit slower. This

helps the marina staff provide the same great service to our first and last work order customer.

We will continue our work on the docks, replacing the wooden decking with concrete, installing rub rail and anchor cables, and re-positioning of dock anchors.

Reservoir levels are great and we are looking pretty good for the upcoming future. The current level is 9014.31' or -2.69' below full.

<https://www.denverwater.org/your-water/water-supply-and-planning/reservoir-levels>

A Dock Island is going to stay as an island for the remainder of 2017. Please help us help you to get to your boats. Come a little bit early so we can get you shuttled across. We can offer some alternate slips if you plan on sailing after we close for the day. The courtesy dock is always available for an evening tie up and we will shuttle your boat back to A Dock the next day. I am currently working on the 2018 Budget with A Dock replacement in mind. This process will take a few months so please be patient.

Big boat crane day will be Wednesday, October 11 starting at 8 am. This service is for larger vessels that weight **8000 pounds or more**. Remember that **October 22nd is the final day that vessels may be on the docks and smaller vessels can be on the racks or beach**. Day boating will be available until November 3rd weather and water dependent. Day boating only means that you can launch and retrieve on the same day but no overnight slips are available. The current ramp hours are 9:30am-4:30pm.

Please take time to fill out your **guest surveys** if you have not done so already. If you do not participate we will not know how you are feeling about our work performance for you.

Thanks to all of the staff for all of their hard work. The marina really came together this season.

Please send an email or call us here at the marina. philhofer@dillonmarina.com or call (970) 468-5100 x 103

Summer's Last Fling (Photos by Mark Yeager)



Fires in the Mountains

When we said to come up & enjoy the fall colors, we didn't mean the colors of red that engulfed the hillside along Highway 6 next to the Dillon Marina this past Monday.



Photo by Hugh Carey / hcarey@summitdaily.com

The "Tenderfoot 2 Fire," which started on Monday evening around 5:00 pm, was already more than 50% contained by Tuesday afternoon, thanks to multiple slurry and bucket drops from the heavy tankers and helicopters, as well as the relentless ground attack performed by not only our Red, White & Blue team, but neighbors from Rifle, the US Forest Service and Upper Colorado River. We are so thankful for their hard work, keeping our beautiful county BEAUTIFUL!

Shop Talk

with Craig Simson

Hi all,

Got dock lines? Got GOOD dock lines? If not, we can get you some! We cannot emphasize enough the importance of these lines in protecting both your boat and our docks. Oh yeah! And that neighbor of yours. With winds gusting from 40-50 knots this past week, we've experienced everything



from boats hitting the docks to lines just breaking free.



During these squalls we walk the docks but some lines are so bad there is little we can do without replacing. The safety of your boat ultimately starts and ends with you. That said, we are here to help however we can. We'd be happy to walk you through the best tying practices for your boat type and

dispel the old boater myth of "If you cannot tie a knot, tie a lot!"

For questions, comments or if you just want to chat. I can be reached @ craigs@dillonmarina.com or 970-468-5100 x- 102.

Sincerely,
Craig Simson

Helping Our Island Friends



Cooper Island-where I was married

Many of you know that I used to call the Caribbean my home. More specifically, the British Virgin Islands or BVI. I have spoken with so many of you at length about your own personal travels throughout that area.

We have similar stories and even know some of the same people. To say it is a special place in my heart is an understatement.

On September 6, 2017 Hurricane Irma tore through the BVI as a category 5 hurricane, leaving behind islands I no longer recognize. The people of the BVI, many of whom I still call friends, were left without the basic necessities of life, not to mention their livelihoods.



My friend Biggy & I @ Marina Cay



Leatherback turtle laying her eggs @
Josiah's Bay, Tortola

My intention is not to repeat what you have been seeing in the news, but merely to ask that we not forget what we've seen once the cameras are gone and the stories have moved to the bottom of your Google feed.

I am not typically one to ask for help. Nor are many of the people living through this nightmare. But situations like these bring us to our knees. With so much happening in the world...hurricanes, earthquakes, fires...there is great need everywhere. The BVI is where my heart lies. I merely ask you follow your heart wherever it leads you. Thank you for reading and for sharing.

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The new view of the Bitter End Yacht Club, Virgin Gorda

BVIRELIEF.COM

(Information as well as donation & volunteer opportunities)

Fall Hours Begin

The marina will remain open 7 days a week through the haul out deadline of Sunday, October 22nd. We'll be here from 9:00am-5:00pm, weather permitting. Starting October 23rd, we'll switch to our Monday-Friday schedule from 9:00am-5:00pm. We'll be moving around the yard and shop as we prepare the marina for winter, so either give us a call or come find us in the shop.

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*"Always be yourself. Unless ye can be a Pirate.
Then always be a Pirate!"*



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