

Exciting docks news update!

The first two shipments of docks are here!

It has been a very busy time since the approval of new docks at the Annual Meeting. There have been a couple of dock teams working on final plans, logistics and finances. After a lot of consternation and option assessment we determined the best plan was to have the docks shipped to Safe Harbor Shelburne Shipyard where they will be unloaded, stored and launched. We will then float them to the Club in early April for installation (get ready dock team!). This has been a lot of work and coordination, and we have been very lucky working with the StructurMarine (SM) team, Andrew, at the Shipyard, Pierre, and some key club members.



First, a special thank you to StructurMarine, who have expedited delivery of the docks. The first two shipments have arrived; the remaining are in the works. In an effort to mitigate the impact of the tariffs, and at no additional cost to us, SM went into high gear to complete fabrication and deliver the docks early. We are carefully watching the tariffs but know that every delivery prior to tariffs reduces the possible cost impact.

Second, Andrew at the Shipyard stepped up when we determined that getting the docks down the Club driveway was just not going to work. He worked with us to develop a cost effective alternative which solved the delivery problem while reducing our effort. They are familiar with these docks and have the necessary equipment and staff to handle them. The only catch is that we agreed to have them launched before they begin to launch boats (a small price to pay considering other options). This was a huge favor so please make sure to thank him and his crew when you see them.



Next, is the work Pierre is doing by helping us get the blocks in place. He has coordinated fabrication and delivery of some new mooring blocks, and has worked with a local surveyor to ensure they are placed according to the anchoring layout provided by StructurMarine. Of key importance is that he will assist during the launch and assembly of the docks. His experience working with the docks at the Shipyard will be an advantage to us.

Last, Bob Schumacher and Dan Donegan have made a custom trailer with spare parts they had in their workshops. Based on a Schumacher design, Dan had some spare light posts for the frame and Bob had a few axles, and welded the trailer to fit our docks. They are also planning the electrical installation which will happen following assembly of the docks.



Feel free to go check out the first two shipments of docks at the Shipyard. They are next to the bathrooms. They are a dramatic change from what we had before!

Editor's comment: We would be remiss if we did not mention that Gene Cloutier has put countless hours into this project, including trips to Montreal, a dozen calls per week with StructurMarine, many questions from the Commodore and Finance Committee, and overall coordination. Thank you, Geno!