

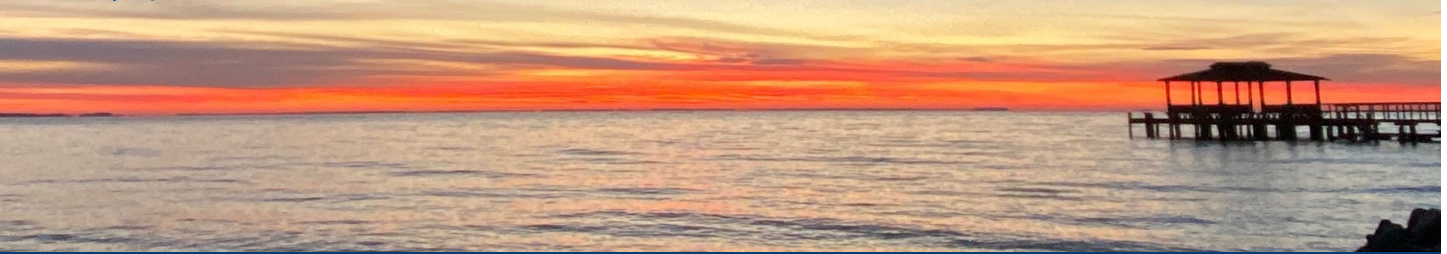
CEDARHURST *on the Bay*

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Cedarhurst Citizens Association (CCA) Events

Board of Directors Meeting | Thursday, March 13 @ 7:00 PM

Saint Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt | Monday, March 17 @ 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

The Spring Equinox Celebration | Thursday, March 20 @ 5:00 PM

Historic Research Committee | Tuesday, April 8 @ 6:30 PM

Easter Egg Eggstravaganza | Sunday, April 13 @ 9:15 AM

Newsletter Deadline | Sunday, April 20

General Meeting | Thursday, April 24 @ 7:30 PM

Please be sure to check your email for more event details as they become available.

We are looking for volunteers to run for the Board in October. Many hands make light work! If you have interest in serving as a Cedarhurst Citizen Association Board Member, please reach out to our President, Chuck Quintero, for more information.

From the President, Chuck Quintero

207.838.7181 | CedarhurstPresident@gmail.com

Greetings, Cedarhurst Neighbors!

Spring has a way of sneaking up on us—one moment, we're bundled against the wind, and the next, the daffodils are stretching toward the sun. The days grow longer, the bay glistens a little brighter, and our little corner of the world shakes off winter's weight.

First, grab your green and your lucky charms for the St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt, where treasure hides around every bend. And what better way to welcome the season than with some good old-fashioned Cedarhurst traditions? We'll be setting winter ablaze—literally—with our Sock Burning Ceremony. Toss those tired socks into the fire and step into the season barefoot and free, a ritual as Chesapeake as the tides themselves.

And before you know it, little feet will be dashing across the grass, baskets in hand, for our Easter Egg Hunt. The promise of spring is always sweet, but a little chocolate never hurts.

These gatherings remind us why we live here—not just for the views, the water, or the history, but for the people who show up, year after year, to build community together. So, whether you're chasing clues, burning your socks, or cheering on the kids, I hope to see you out there. Let's make this spring one to remember. Read on into the newsletter for more details!

See you soon,

Chuck Quintero

President, Cedarhurst Citizens Association

From the Acting Secretary, Pam Foster

CedarhurstSecretary@gmail.com

Please plan to attend our next General Meeting on Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 pm. At General Meetings, Committee Chairs and Board Members report on their activities and plans, as well as answer questions. Volunteers are working hard for our community. Come and see how you can get involved.

From the Treasurer, Betsy Weinkam

bweinkam@gmail.com

Included on page 9 and 10, is a copy of our most recent Budget versus Actual spreadsheet detailing how much money has been spent as of February 27, 2025. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Grounds Committee, Pam Foster

443.995.9847 | pamjimf@comcast.net

March 20 is the first day of spring and the grounds will soon be budding with activity. The Grounds Committee will meet soon to discuss maintenance of our many spaces. You do not need to be on the Board or serve on the committee to volunteer. There are simple but endless gardening tasks that need to be done to keep our community property beautiful. If you would like to be contacted when we need help, please let me know.

Do you spend time on the playground? Have you been looking for a way to volunteer? We'd love to have a playground coordinator – someone to let us know if equipment is loose or broken, if we need another bench, voice ideas or concerns, etc. If that sounds like something you'd like to do, please contact me.

As always, we encourage everyone to pick up trash from the ditches and grounds whenever you encounter it. Enjoy the warming weather, and we hope to see you on the Community Grounds!

Shoreline Restoration Committee, Jim Foster

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The County continues to deny Cedarhurst access to our accumulated Shoreline Erosion Control District (SECD) tax dollars for the purpose of paying an engineering firm for final plans, permitting, cost estimate, and grant assistance for our failing shoreline. The County Office of Law has made the determination that our half mile of hardened shoreline is a "new" project, because they have no record of it, and would require the community to complete an arduous petition process. That petition would need to be accompanied by final plans and a cost estimate which, of course, we do not have yet because the County won't let us access our funds for that purpose.

We met with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on 7/16/24 to request a determination that our proposed project is repair and maintenance of an existing shoreline erosion control facility (not a new project). On 1/24/25 we received a letter from the DNR saying that the department would consider our proposed project an item of repair, maintenance or reconstruction of a riprap revetment, and that both the existing revetment and the proposed living shoreline meet the definition of a shoreline erosion control project. Unfortunately, the letter goes on to say that our existing shoreline project predates the State's Shore Erosion Control Program with no record of DNR's involvement.

Clearly Cedarhurst's half mile of hardened shoreline is an existing shoreline erosion control project. The hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of bulkhead and rock did not place or pay for themselves, regardless of whether the County, State, or Community have records of their placement.

This issue caused us to pour over the MD Code regarding SECDs. In that review we found that Shoreline Erosion Control Districts, including our district, are to be paid interest. On 4/25/24, we confirmed that our funds are in a non-interest-bearing account, in apparent violation of MD Code 21-205(c). The County offered on 12/12/24 to pay a mere 3 years of back interest.

The Board of Directors agreed to work with our lawyer to negotiate with the County on these issues. A letter was sent to the County Executive and County Attorney on 2/6/25. As of the publishing of this newsletter, the County has not responded to our letter.

Editor's Note:

CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com

Email **Jennifer Dieux** by April 20 at CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com with news for the next newsletter. If needed, an audio file or a reader can be provided so that everyone can enjoy the newsletter. In addition, if you wish to receive a printed copy in the mail, kindly send us your mailing address.

New thermostats were installed in the Community House. The new thermostats can be controlled with an app. This will allow us to make sure the heat and cooling are working properly, make sure they are set to the correct temperature when the house isn't being used, and will let us adjust the thermostat prior to community meetings and events making the room comfortable when folks arrive. We will still require renters to adjust the temperature as needed during their rental period, asking them to return to the set temperature upon leaving.

A Bluetooth sound system has finally been hooked up and is now available for folks to use at the Community House. While the system is locked away, renters can simply hook up wirelessly and control the volume with their device.

The refrigerator in the community house is being replaced as it stopped cooling. The service technician found the refrigerant line clogged and repairs were estimated at \$950. The new fridge is \$1,600. The plan is to upgrade the entire kitchen within the next two years.

Additionally, upgrades to lights in the main room are being investigated.

Community House Committee, Rose BademanCedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com

Weekends are booking fast for 2025! There is not much left (mostly Sundays) open through June. Get your requests in ASAP if you have an interest in using the house for an event this year.

As mentioned earlier, the old refrigerator bit the dust in February so we are in the process of having it replaced. Plans are underway for updating the kitchen in the next two years. We would love ideas/suggestions from the community. Send your ideas via email using the above address.

A few reminders:

- This is OUR house. Let's use it and enjoy it, and "leave no trace" when it's time to go.
- Make sure you are following the post event checklist.
- There is no trash service so make sure you take your trash with you.
- If you rent the house, what happens at the event is YOUR responsibility.
- Painting is expensive so make sure you are not using tape of any kind on the walls or window trim.

For renting, please visit the [Community House Calendar*](#) to view rental availability. A day marked "busy" indicates the Community House is already reserved. If you see an open date you would like to reserve for a private rental, send your name, address, and the date(s) to CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com.

Please note an open date is not a guarantee of availability. Email requests are processed in the order they are received. The calendar is updated immediately after the email is reviewed and a hold is placed.

Other Important notes on renting the Community House:

- Private Community House rentals are for Cedarhurst on the Bay residents and property owners only!
- The resident that rents the house MUST be onsite at the event at all times!
- Rental fees are \$150/day, plus a refundable \$150 security deposit.
- If your date is available, it will be held for 10 days while you submit paperwork and fees. You will receive a reply email with the lease, waiver, and submission instructions.
- After completed paperwork, rental fee, and security deposit are received, a booking confirmation will be sent via email.

Any questions should be directed to our rental volunteer at CedarhurstCommunityHouse@gmail.com.

Communications | Brian Moore254.498.8478 | brianjmoore12@gmail.com

Please visit the Cedarhurst website at www.ccaonthebay.com or join the group at facebook.com/ccaonthebay. In addition to providing your email address for updates, both the website and Facebook help keep you informed about what's going on in the neighborhood and surrounding areas.

Hello Cedarhurst,

I want to take some time this newsletter about an issue which seems to be affecting a wide range of people. It's called "smishing."

As silly as the word seems, the impact and consequences of it are very real. Smishing is a social engineering attack which attempts to download malware, gain a person's personal information, or get money from a person. One of the big smishing scams at the moment is in the form of a text message telling the recipient they owe money for a toll they went through. The text will come from what appears to be a legitimate organization. They appear very professional and legitimate.

If you receive one of these text messages and immediately question it, your best bet is to not open it, contact the toll services legitimate customer service. Delete the text message after verifying its validity. The FBI accepts complaints to the "Internet Crime Complaint Center" which you can also utilize.

If you do happen to click on any link in the message, it is recommended to take all efforts to secure your personal information, financial accounts, and dispute any unfamiliar charges.

Sadly, Smishing isn't the only scam out there. There is also false mail, emails, and with the rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) phone calls. Please be careful, if something does not seem right it is important for you to question it. Contact companies directly. If you are getting a phone call as for a return number to contact the person and verify this it is an official number to the agency contacting you.

Please utilize one of the three big credit unions to ensure accuracy of your credit report. Equifax, Trans Union, and Experian will all provide free reports. As always please feel free to contact me with any issues: p91963@aacounty.org. If there is immediate action necessary please contact 911 or the non-emergency number 410.222.8610.

Cpl. Rovell

Phishing: fraudulent e-mails and websites that appear to be legitimate, that try to steal data.

Vishing: fraudulent phone calls that persuade you to reveal personal information.

Smishing: fraudulent text messages meant to fool you into revealing personal data.

If you get phished, **REPORT IT** by letting your mail provider know so they can enable blocks at the mail server so others don't also receive it.

Of Community Interest

CedarhurstNewsletter@gmail.com

Former resident, **Kent Abraham** passed away unexpectedly on January 4. **Kent** and the late **John Petro**, were responsible for the architectural design and oversight of the new Community House after Tropical Storm Isabel destroyed the original building. He and his wife Dianne, were both active members of the community.

Martin Harper on Pine Avenue passed away on January 12 from a two year battle with cancer. Our condolences go out to the Harper family. Please keep the Harper family in your thoughts and prayers.

Alannah Sandruck on Maple Avenue is celebrating her first birthday on March 2. Happy Birthday **Alannah!**

Jacob Sandruck on Maple Avenue celebrates his birthday on March 15. Happy Birthday **Jacob!**

Jacob and **Selena Sandruck** on Maple Avenue celebrate their 4th wedding anniversary on April 24. Congratulations to you both!

Have news to share? Send an email **Jennifer Dieux** at cedarhurstnewsletter@gmail.com with any items of community interest - births, deaths, graduations, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, etc.

Historical Research Committee, Elaina Uhl

845.943.8160 | elaina.lill@gmail.com

The Historic Research Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 8 @ 6:30 PM to reconvene and discuss potential research, interview, and exhibit plans for the upcoming year. As always, new members are welcome. Please contact Elaina if you have material, stories to share, or want to be part of the Historical Research Committee.

Elaina Uhl,
Historic Research Committee Chair

Join us as we welcome spring! The Spring Equinox Celebration (Sock Burning) is on Thursday, March 20 @ 5:00 PM in the Community House parking lot. We'll have a fire for the ceremonial burning of the socks and provide some light refreshments. BYO Beverage and feel free to bring a snack to share. Contact Jim at 443.994.9377 for more details and to help. Don't forget to bring your socks!

It's time to renew your slip fees. This year's form is included on page 11. If you have any questions, please email cedarhursthabor@gmail.com.

Garden Club | Rose Bademan

rosegarden1198@gmail.com

Pretty soon we'll be cleaning out the community garden plots for the new season. What should we grow? Do you want to participate? How about neighborhood kids? Send me your ideas!

Plant Exchange - Hi Gardeners! It's time to start thinking about what you want to thin/share this spring! Anyone interested in having a plant exchange/give away? Watch the Facebook page for more information, or email me at rosegarden1198@gmail.com.

Neighborly Tips

- If you see something, say something, please call 911 if you need the police to come. If you don't call, they will not come. You can be anonymous.
- Can emergency vehicles get past your vehicles parked on the street? It's a matter of safety.
- Is your house clearly marked with your house number? Emergency vehicles must be able to clearly see your house number to be able to respond to emergencies.
- If you have questions about projects being done required a permit, call 311. Permits are required for many projects and for various reasons and it's normal to question if the proper permits are issued and are being met. Inquiring before you begin, may save you extra work and money in the long run.
- Be cautious of children riding bikes and scooters in the street.
- Please **STOP** at all stop signs and drive cautiously on our roads.
- Please do not ride dirt bikes, ATVs and golf carts on the community property. It is not allowed per community association rules.
- Thank you for continuing to pick up after your dogs. Dog poop *BIG or small* shouldn't make it into our waterways. It's a matter of courtesy!

The Cedars of Cedarhurst

Kathleen Litchfield

You know them—the majestic trio that stands as a landmark, confirming that you are, indeed, in Cedarhurst. These trees have been a defining feature for generations, pinpointed on the old 1948 aerial map of Cedarhurst. They appear in community photos I took over 35 years ago, once smaller and denser, now standing as enduring sentinels of the land.

They have weathered dozens of storm surges and full-moon high tides, stabilizing the point of land between the tidal flows. They have survived bagworm infestations while offering food and shelter to marsh birds, as well as providing a hiding place for children at play.

The number three carries deep historical, philosophical, and religious significance. In Feng Shui, it symbolizes growth, good fortune, expansion, and creativity. In Christianity, it represents completeness, perfection, and the three divine persons within one God. Were these trees intentionally planted during Cedarhurst's development, or were they seeded naturally by birds feeding in the marsh? Either way, their presence as a trio is auspicious for Cedarhurst.

I have come to call them Tom, Fred, and Stuart —named after the three men who once owned and operated the old Bay View Inn when I first moved here. They, too, have since passed, but their legacy, like the trees, remains rooted in this place. We all have memories of these towering protectors, guardians of the marsh and bay, integral to Cedarhurst's identity. They are a reminder of how Shady Side earned its name.

Our community is home to many remarkable trees, each contributing to the balance of our small paradise, offering shade in summer and protection in harsher times. The Cedars of Cedarhurst stand among them—not just as trees, but as living history.

Trash and Recycling

Cedarhurst's trash and recycle pickup day is **Monday**.

Please note [Anne Arundel County's Bureau of Waste Management Services](#) Holiday Schedule:

April 18, 2025 (Good Friday) - Landfill & Recycling Centers Closed; normal collections will occur

Anne Arundel County News

Have a question or need to talk to someone in the County Executive Office? Contact Community Engagement and Constituent Services at 410.222.1785 or email at CECS@aacounty.org

- To see upcoming events around the County, visit <https://www.aacounty.org/news-events/events>.
- If you want to report a violation or concern in our community, please visit the County's website at https://seeclickfix.com/md_anne-arundel or call 311.
- Did you know there is an on-demand transit service in South County? For more information, please visit <https://www.aacounty.org/transportation/transit/demand-services> or call 410.222.0025.
- [The Blue Crab Community Fridge](#) is a nonprofit organization that provides an accessible food source through a community refrigerator. The fridge's purpose is to reduce food waste, fight food insecurity, and build a stronger community. The community fridge is located behind the Franklin United Methodist Church at 5345 Deale Churchton Road in Churchton.
- Bill pay Assistance - Do you or your neighbor need help paying your electric, oil, gas, or utility bill? If so, there are resources available. Visit <https://www.aacounty.org/finance/bills-payments/bill-payment-assistance> or contact the County's customer service line for additional resources at 410.222.1144 or email custserv@aacounty.org.

Social Committee, Emily Motto

CedarhurstEvents@gmail.com

Saint Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt - Calling all leprechauns on Monday, March 17 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Join in for a fun-filled St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt right here in Cedarhurst. Follow the clues, explore the neighborhood, and find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! The starting point is at the Community House. All are welcome to participate! See attached flyer on page 7.

The Spring Equinox Celebration (Sock Burning) is scheduled for Thursday, March 20 @ 5:00 PM in the Community house parking lot. Join us as we welcome spring! We'll have a fire for the ceremonial burning of socks and provide some light refreshments. BYO Beverage and feel free to bring a snack to share. Contact Jim 443-994-9377 for more details and to help. Don't forget to bring socks!

Easter Fun - Join us Sunday, April 13 at 9:15 AM to get your photo with the Easter Bunny followed by an Eggcellent Egg Hunt at 10:00 AM. The Egg Hunt is for children ages 2-12. We will also host Easter themed crafts for children of all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult. **Volunteers needed to disperse eggs the morning of.** See attached flyer on page 8.

As with all events, we are looking for more volunteers to help! Please email cedarhurstevents@gmail.com if you are able to help out.

Kindly Note: Cedarhurst Events are limited to Cedarhurst Residents Only!

Security, Eric MacKay

443.534.5231 | ShadyMacKay@gmail.com

Cameras are functioning, if you want to viewable access of the cameras, please reach out for instructions for downloading the app.

Remember, as the weather gets nicer and more people are enjoying our grounds, we do have cameras and can easily see what is going on community property. For years after years, mischief happens when the weather warms up, let this be a reminder that the Community grounds are off limits to any shenanigans! If you see something, say something!

CALLING ALL LEPRECHAUNS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SCAVENGER HUNT



MAR | **17** | 8AM-8PM



Starting point at the
Cedarhurst Clubhouse



CEDARHURST ON THE BAY

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

9:15 AM BUNNY & CRAFTS

10:00 AM EGG HUNT

EGG HUNTING

GOLDEN EGG PRIZES

CRAFT CORNER

EASTER BUNNY



FY 2025 Budget by Committees		2025 Budget	As of 2.27.25
Carry over amount in bank from FY 24 starting balance			\$53,840.80
Payments from County 6.27.24			\$4,521.69
Payments from County 11.25.24			\$61,232.00
Cash Held by County			\$5.00
	SubTotal in SCBD		\$119,599.49
	Spent to Date		\$84,335.01
	Total in SCBD		\$35,264.48
Grounds	Mowing	\$14,000.00	\$7,648.00
	Plantings	\$5,000.00	\$39.92
	Tables & Benches	\$2,000.00	
	Wetland/Marsh	\$15,000.00	\$2,550.00
	Pier Parking Lot	\$2,000.00	
	Maintenance/Improvements	\$10,000.00	\$1,464.92
	Childrens Garden	\$1,000.00	
	Survey	\$5,000.00	
	Total	\$54,000.00	\$11,702.84
Structures			
Community House	Fire protection	\$2,500.00	\$650.00
	Surveillance	\$3,000.00	
	BGE	\$5,000.00	\$4,854.58
	Comcast/Fios	\$3,000.00	\$2,304.19
	Replace ceiling under House	\$30,000.00	
	Sound panels	\$3,000.00	
	Maintenance/Improvements	\$25,000.00	\$13,109.60
	Replace windows		\$4,834.09
	Chairs Tables Shades	\$12,000.00	\$733.47
	AED Equipment	\$2,500.00	
	Subtotal	\$86,000.00	\$26,485.93
Pier	Maintenance/Improvements	\$5,000.00	\$379.63
Playground	Maintenance/Improvements	\$2,500.00	
	Total	\$93,500.00	\$26,865.56
Social/Hospitality	Fall Crafts 2024	\$600.00	
	Halloween 2024	\$400.00	\$561.13
	4th of July 2024		\$288.28
	Events	\$11,000.00	
	Labor Day		\$1,066.33
	Easter 2024		\$382.02
	Yard Sale		
	Celebrate Cedarhurst	\$20,000.00	\$15,882.20
	Holiday Crafting 2024	\$3,000.00	\$1,770.78
	History Exhibit	\$500.00	\$21.19
	Hospitality	\$500.00	
	Valentine Party 2025		\$336.30

FY 2025 Budget by Committees		2025 Budget	As of 2.27.25
Social/Hospitality	Total	\$36,000.00	\$20,308.23
Administrative	Communications	\$300.00	
	Office Supplies/Software	\$3,000.00	\$1,471.14
	Budget Mailing	\$400.00	\$318.73
	Professional Services	\$3,000.00	\$3,440.00
	Insurance & Bond	\$17,000.00	\$14,601.20
	Security	\$3,500.00	\$2,960.00
	AA Co Stormwater fee	\$650.00	\$667.31
	First Aid/CPR class		
	Total	\$27,850.00	\$23,458.38
Funds Held for Future Use		\$60,000.00	
	Sub Total	\$271,350.00	\$82,335.01
	County Fee	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
TOTAL SCBD	Total	\$273,350.00	\$84,335.01
Harbor Income	Carried over from FY24		\$49,105.88
	Slip Rentals	\$14,500.00	\$1,050.00
	Total Income		\$50,155.88
Harbor Expenses	Electric		\$15,372.04
	Supplies and Materials		\$205.28
	Maintenance		\$3,756.38
	Total Expenses		\$19,333.70
	Balance in Harbor Account		\$30,822.18
Community House Income	Carried over from FY24		\$14,314.00
	Rentals		\$9,000.00
	Total Income		\$23,314.00
Community House Expense	Refunds		\$1,350.00
	Cleaning		\$10,840.00
	Supplies		\$387.21
	Total Expenses		\$12,577.21
	Balance in Comm. Hse Account		\$10,736.79
SECD Expenses for FY25	Loan Payment	\$67,322.71	\$67,322.71
	Shoreline design/permitting		
	Funds for future use	\$174,000.00	
	County fee	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	Total SECD Expenses	\$243,322.71	\$69,322.71

CEDARHURST CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.
HARBOR COMMITTEE
P. O. BOX 185
SHADY SIDE, MD 20764

Dear Resident Boater;

The 2025-2026 Boat Slip fees are due by April 1 for the period April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. The annual slip fee is **\$350**, same as last year. The Board of Directors has decided **not to charge a ramp fee. All residents are allowed to use the ramp.**

Please complete **all** lines of the form below and return with your check made payable to: **CEDARHURST CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**. Write your slip number on your check. Please mail to the address above or deliver to Taylor Holtz or Jim Foster.

You are responsible for keeping the area around your slip neat and clear, and for maintaining your finger pier in safe condition. Expenses for the finger pier repair materials may be reimbursed if they are a) pre-approved by the Harbor Administrator and b) accompanied by a receipt. Submit the receipts to the Harbor Administrator and a check will be mailed to you promptly. Finger pier finishes must comply with new design standards.

You must present proof of insurance for boats that exceed Homeowner policy requirements.

For all other marina questions please contact our Harbor Administrator, Taylor Holtz, 410-858-7522 (or Jim Foster, 443-994-9377) or email **CedarhurstHarbor@gmail.com**.

2025-2026 Season

Name of Owner_____

Address:_____

Email Address:_____

Slip Number:_____ Phone:_____

Name of Boat:_____ Hull Registration #_____

Make of Boat:_____ Power _____ Sail _____

LOA _____ Draft _____ Beam _____ Make of Auto _____ Tag _____ State _____

Insurance Company Name_____ Policy Number_____

Slip Fee: \$350.00