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## At the Helm

A monthly profile of Concord boaters

**Meet Captain: John Gushen**

**First Mate: Mary Gushen**

**BOAT NAME:** Off Call

**DOCK:** B-17

**BOAT INFO:**

**FAVORITE PART ABOUT THIS BOAT:** We liked that the boat has a generator that allows us to be on it any time

**DREAM BOAT:** Eventually we would like a twin engine boat with a fly bridge



**BEST PART ABOUT BOATING:** We love getting together with all the nice people that we have met at the Captain's Club.

Jon and Mary Gushen are beginning their second year as members of the Captains Club and as boat owners at Concord Marina. "When we first came to Knoxville we looked around at all of the other marinas and Mary only wanted to be at Concord Marina. She definitely was right. We feel Concord is the best marina in town."

The couple lives just a few miles from the marina and they enjoy hiking and traveling as well as boating. Recently they have joined Doug and Jane Bridle, and others, as committee members for the Captains Club. "We had such a great time last year that we wanted to be a bigger part of the club. We found it to be such a bargain and it always gave us something social to look forward to."

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# From Concord Marina to the Great Loop

Terry and Tracy's big boating adventure

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Terry and Tracy took some time off from cruising and we will continue to track their adventure next month. Here is a how-to article that we hope "electrifies" your boating knowledge!

## Solving the Battery Switch Dilemma - By Captain John Wenz

I'm amazed at how many experienced boaters are unsure of what to do with their "1-2-BOTH" battery switch. It's a very simple mechanism and, used properly, can save you time, money, and stress. The vast majority of boaters I've asked say something like, "I'm not really sure what to do with it, so I just leave it in the "BOTH" position." A little clarification here will go a long way.

Assuming your boat is of recent ABYC standard construction that means you've got two batteries, a 120 volt AC (shore power) charger, and one engine with an alternator. Your system works something like this: the battery you've selected powers all of your 12 volt DC systems - engine ignition, lights, electronics, stereo, etc.

The alternator will charge your battery back through the switch, so the battery you're using underway will be constantly recharged while the engine is running. Once you shut the engine down, the same battery will be providing power. If you're hooked-up to shore power, both batteries will be recharged, regardless of where the switch is positioned, even if it's in the "OFF" position.

If the switch is in the "BOTH" position and one battery is nearly at a full charge and one is flat, the alternator will "read" the higher of the two, and the flat battery will never be charged.



Here's the typical main battery switch. Note the warning (Stop engines before switching off)



You may have one of these switches for each battery with a third switch used to parallel both batteries.

Now let's say you've put the switch in the "BOTH" position and you've spent the day anchored, with the refrigerator on and the stereo blasting. After dinner you had lights on, and now you're ready to head for home in the moonlight. You go to start the engine but you can't since you've discharged both batteries. Nothing to do but call Sea-Tow!

How do we prevent this? Use only one battery at a time. On odd days, use Battery #1, then use Battery #2 on even days. Assuming we've spent the same day on the water using Battery #1, at the end of the day we can use fully-charged Battery #2 to start the engine. Over the course of the season, you'll use both batteries equally. NEVER use the "BOTH" position except to parallel both batteries if they're both flat, almost like an attempt to "jump start" your own engine. And don't forget to pay attention to the warning, which says, "Stop engines before switching "OFF".

# Notes from the Captain's Club..

## CAPTAIN'S CLUB CORNER



The 2009 season is under way!! Our kick-off event, the Super Bowl Party, was a huge success!! Bob Maines provided the hi-def projection TV and the game was an exciting surprise!! Jane and Doug did an awesome job with the squares. James did a great job with the fish fry and Abby kept the refreshments flowing. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish to share!

Now is an excellent time to join us in the CAPTAIN'S CLUB if you have not already joined. The full season is still ahead of us and we look forward to an exciting 2009.

Our next event is the March 20<sup>th</sup> Poker Party followed by the April 4<sup>th</sup> Nautical Garage Sale and BBQ. The Social Hours are just a few weeks away. If you are interested in joining, please call Doug at 986-6891 or James at 966-5831. If you would like to receive email updates to events please provide your email address to [jongushen@yahoo.com](mailto:jongushen@yahoo.com).

### UPCOMING CAPTAINS CLUB EVENTS

<b>March 20, 2009</b>	..... 1st Annual Captains Club Poker Tournament .....	7:00pm
<b>April 4, 2009</b>	..... Marine Garage Sale and BBQ dinner .....	Noon to 5:00pm
<b>April 24, 2009</b>	..... Social Hours .....	6:30 to 8:30 pm
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<b>May 8, 2009</b>	..... Social Hours .....	6:30 to 8:30 pm
<b>May 22, 2009</b>	..... Pre Memorial Day Party .....	6:30 to 11:00 pm
<b>June 19, 2009</b>	..... Social Hours .....	6:30 to 8:30 pm
<b>July 4, 2009</b>	..... July Fourth Party .....	6:30 to 11:00 pm

### OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE:

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> Nautical Garage Sale & BBQ to benefit the FLLA**– Sponsored by Concord Marina Captain's Club at the Concord Marina Club House.

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> "Second Annual Raising of the Water Festival"** at the the Fort Loudoun Yacht Club from 3:00pm until 7:00pm. **(Be sure and save this date for the largest benefit for the FLLA,)**

# “2009 Slip Rates”



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520 TT, 520 SNEW, Fully Loaded, TKS, Extended Warranty until May 2008, Maintained by Epps, Beautiful P&I, NDH, Reduced \$349,500.



**2000 MOONEY M20R OVATION2**  
230 TT, GNS 430s, WX950, Air, Oxy, KFC225 w/proselect, NDH, Reduced to sell/\$299,500!

# NOTE FROM HARBORMASTER

## This months reminders:

- ◆ A reminder that all leases expire March 31. If you wish not to renew your lease please notify the office in writing before March 31st. If you plan on staying do nothing ,your lease automatically renews itself.
- ◆ We are preparing to stock the fuel dock for the upcoming year. I would like to take any request for items you would like to see made available. You can email me at James @ concordmarina.com with any request.
- ◆ Once again, do not forget your boat. The temperatures and strong winds of late tend to disturb your mooring.
- ◆ Looking forward to the upcoming season. Stop by and say hello.
- ◆ WINTER HOURS Tuesday—Sunday 9 to 5

See you soon,

James Bisch



## COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BOAT SAFETY COURSE ONLY SIX SPACES LEFT

This is an accredited course and those completing will receive certification that can be used to obtain boat insurance discounts. The cost for the course is \$35.00 per family and the minimum age is 12 years old. Please note that for children between the ages of 12 - 19 there is an additional state fee of \$10.00 to cover state certification (a state of TN requirement). The course dates are:

*Tuesday, March 17 -- 6 to 9 pm*

*Thursday, March 19 -- 6 to 9 pm*

*Monday, March 23 -- 6 to 9 pm*

The course is open to all marina tenants but registration will be limited to 20 and will be on a first come first served basis. Please **register in person at the marina club house** and at the time of registration, provide a check for **\$35.00 payable to U.S.C.G. Aux.** The cost includes all course materials and the final certification.

We are very excited to be able to provide this service which addresses a key part of our mandate to improve the overall boating experience through knowledge and operational safety. If demand is high, we may be able to run an additional course in April.

## CONCORD MARINA CAPTAINS CLUB FLAG

Be the first to fly the new Captains Club Flag on your boat. Available at the club house or at the gas dock.  
Only \$30.00 Cash, check or add to your slip fee.

Limited supply, so hurry!

