



Halifax Harbor Marina

at Daytona Beach

May 2009

The St. Augustine Bridge of Lions was commemorated during a *Closing Ceremony* held Friday, May 26, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., prior to rehabilitation work beginning on the bridge. A large crowd was on hand to watch as a 1920's era truck was the last vehicle to travel across the bridge, in a tribute to the bridge's 1927 opening.



Believe it or not, the construction of the temporary bridge began in February 2005! It took about a year and a half to get the temporary bridge up and running. If all goes right, the new Bridge of Lions will open sometime in 2010. Disassembling the temporary bridge will take about ten months. For more information on The Bridge of Lions and announcements concerning waterway **closures** at the bridge, visit www.fdotbridgeoflions.com.

The 21st Annual Halifax/Indian River Clean-up will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Halifax Harbor Marina will once again serve as the main host site for the event, where lunch will be



served and awards passed out by Volusia County employees. Collected debris may also be disposed of at the marina site. There are several clean-up locations volunteers can report to along both rivers. For a list of clean-up sites and a map, including additional information, visit web site www.volusia.org/cleanup/halifax.htm.

Volunteers are asked to report to one of the sites to check in, receive trash bags and plastic gloves. Volunteers should wear comfortable clothing, close-toed shoes and bring work gloves. Rakes, shovels, and trash grabbers may be helpful, but not necessary. It is suggested that you wear sunscreen and tote along bottled water. For more information about the event, or to learn how you

can be involved, please contact Will Hobson at whobson@co.volusia.fl.us, or call his office number (386) 736-5927 x5823.

The J and Plaza docks electrical upgrade project is still alive! The Director of Support Services for Daytona Beach is requesting that funding for the work be included in the marina's FY10 (October 2009) capital budget. Keep in mind that the City Commission has the final say on budgetary issues. If, and it's a sizeable if, we are fortunate to receive the funds, the City Engineering Department will formally advertise for bids. I would like to think that one year from now we'll have *super* power to the docks. I'm keeping my fingers crossed!

Times are tough all over, even for the marina. It appears that someone decided that they needed trailer wheels, leaf springs, hitch, and tongue jack from our 13' Boston Whaler trailer more than we did! Kinda makes us wonder why the entire trailer wasn't just towed away? This incident happened in February. We haven't experienced any problems in our storage field since, but in these hard times even the wheels aren't safe. Please be sure to remove your valuables from your trailerable boat, leaving nothing to chance.



Dock work continues at a slow pace in the North Basin, albeit with far too many interruptions. Therefore, we've decided to seek



bids from private dock contractors for the overhaul of our sea wall porch docks. We are also applying for a matching grant from

Volusia County's Ponce de Leon Inlet & Port District Coastal Partnership Program to help pay for the some of the dock work. Needless to say, grant funding is always welcome!

Thank you for boating with us! Enjoy the always beautiful month of May. My email is phillipsm@codb.us; phone 386-671-3603. Marc