



This month I'll start off with a little humor from our sister marina, SkipperBud's Sardis Lake Marina in Sardis, Mississippi. I found myself chuckling while reading their "**More Nautical Terms**" corner of their August newsletter, *The Sardis Splash*, so I'd figured I'd share with you. Check out these terms and definitions:

**Current** – tidal flow that carries a boat away from a desired destination or toward a hazard.

**Bulkhead** – discomfort suffered by sailors who drink too much.

**Fluke** – portion of an anchor that digs securely into the bottom; also, any occasion when this happens on the first try!

**Regatta** – an organized sailing competition that pits yours against your opponents' luck.

Was that a smile I just saw on your face? ☺

Last month I wrote that we had received one of two permits necessary to accomplish the required maintenance dredging of the south basin entrance channel. In mid-August



**South Basin Entrance Channel Dredge Area**

we received the second essential permit - from the Army Corps of Engineers. The next step is to secure grant funding from the Florida Inland Navigational District (FIND), which the City applied for earlier this year. Once this is done, the City Engineering Division will spec the job and put it out for bids. I have to believe that if the funding "falls" in place, that dredging would start near the beginning of 2011.

Local carpenter *Tall Tom* has once again been staying busy around the marina replacing door frames and doors on our utility buildings. *Tom* has also been manufacturing and installing new screen frames, removing and replacing many Harbormaster Building

termites damaged rafters, and rotten building siding, etc., etc., etc. With the amount of



**Tall Tom making repairs**

aging wood around the marina, we're lucky to have him lend a helping hand. He has always done an excellent job

for the marina while providing marina staff members with his humor and stories.

Harbormaster Dan Hoover has been keeping the maintenance staff busy with dock projects. Now that Kevin G. has finished sanding, priming, and painting the red fire hose boxes, he's moved on to other projects Dan had lined up for him, e.g., working in unison with Kevin R. replacing many deteriorated dock cleat bolts, washers, and nuts throughout the south basin.

The marina grounds crew is never at a loss for work. Mike, Viola, and Bobby run non-stop from the time they clock in until the time they depart for the day. Ever since the marina staff assumed responsibility for the maintenance of the Plaza grounds and the entire marina complex irrigation system it's been go, go, go! They truly enjoy working at the marina and derive pleasure from making the marina look good for customers and visitors.

Just about everyone with a credit card is well aware that there are unscrupulous people in this world that want to get a hold of our c/c number(s). Unfortunately, we've had some marina customers that have had to deal with the theft of their c/c number from outside sources. If this happens to you, and it's the "card" you use for your marina payments, please provide the marina office with your new c/c number.

As a note...there're no plans to raise dockage and service rates. If you've heard otherwise, I can tell you that it's not true, just dock rumors. Please have a great month of September! My contact info is [phillipsm@codb.us](mailto:phillipsm@codb.us), 386-671-3603. Marc