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City, Lower try to solve abandoned boat issues



The Nor'Easter was abandoned in Cape May Harbor and now lies on the bottom, posing a hazard to navigation and an eyesore in an otherwise beautiful setting.

By JACK FICHTER
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CAPE MAY — Lower Township Mayor Erik Simonsen, Township Manager Jim Ridgway and Councilman Roland Roy have been meeting monthly with Cape May Mayor Chuck Lear and Cape May City Council members to discuss concerns with abandoned boats in Cape May Harbor, which is located in both municipalities. Simonsen said the group met Sept. 18 at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May. "We've been working to find solutions; we think we're getting closer to solving that

problem," he said. The problem has existed for a number of years, Simonsen said. Among ideas offered have been hiring a harbor-master, getting marinas and the Coast Guard involved and charging a fee to anchor. "There's a lot of options out there but it can be a costly endeavor for either municipality, so we are being very careful how we proceed but we definitely get something nailed down in the near future," Simonsen said. A shared-service agreement has also been discussed, he said. Spicer's Creek, located behind Lucky Bones restaurant,

could also be a problem area, Simonsen said. Lear said Cape May solicitor Frank Corrado would speak with Lower Township solicitor David Stefankiewicz on the issue. "We don't want to force an issue across the boundary to Lower if we don't include them, so we really want to work in concert with them," he said. Lear said he doesn't think people see Cape May Harbor as a favorable location to abandon an unwanted boat but that something needs to be done to prevent it. "To moor it here, to park it here, there is no expense, no

accountability and probably no insurance for us to go after if the boat gets beached or sinks on the bottom," he said. An event was held last week at the Corinthian Yacht Club called "Raise the Boat" to raise funds to remove a sunken boat on the Cape May side of the harbor, the "Nor'easter." Pastor Jeff Elliott, who led the fundraiser, said donations can be made online to contribute to the estimated \$25,000 cost of raising the Nor'easter from the bottom of the harbor at capemayforum.org. "We will hopefully raise

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Run for the Fallen shines light on loss

The annual Run for the Fallen began with a somber ceremony Sept. 20 at Sunset Beach. The 196-mile run stepped off Sept. 21 from the Cape May Lighthouse, with stops throughout the county and state. The run honors every New Jersey service member killed in support of the global war on terrorism, as well as all other wars and conflicts.



John Cooke/Special to the STAR AND WAVE
The opening ceremony was held at Sunset Beach, top. Its first stop was in Cape May, above.



Jack Fichter/CAPE MAY STAR AND WAVE
Runners greet family members of Michael Scusa at Lower Cape May Regional High School, at top, where the school choir sang, above.

'This will not cost the taxpayers one more cent in tax'

Cape May Point's Mullock insists grants, retired debt will fund all seven projects

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CAPE MAY POINT — The borough has seven proposed projects ranging from improving drainage on the west side of town to having an emergency generator for Borough Hall. During a meeting Sept. 21, Commissioner Robert Mullock said as more capital projects have been proposed, the level of tension among residents has risen, with many asking the question: "How are we going to pay for these things?" "I'm happy to say right from the get-go that with the seven projects completed, without any additional grants — and I fully expect that we will get more grants through

the process — this will not cost the taxpayers one more cent in tax dollars," Mullock said. He said the borough would come out of the process over a five-year period with more money in the capital budget than today. Mullock said five of the seven projects are for flood mitigation. Problems cannot be corrected after a disaster, he said. "I think in our heart of hearts, we all know the hurricane is coming. It may not be this year, it may not be next year, but in some point in time, we're going to have face up to it," Mullock said. A west side drainage project is proposed. He said the east side of the borough has

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Season's final surf zone injuries being compiled

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CAPE MAY — Data on surf zone injuries to bathers here continues to be collected and organized. During a meeting of the Beach Safety Committee on Sept. 25, Chairman Dennis DeSatnick said he wanted to be certain data collected on surf zone injuries was as accurate as possible. "I've discussed this with the Fire Department and Beach Patrol and they are doing their recording this year in a most efficient manner," he said. The report will be completed

by the end of November or the beginning of January, DeSatnick said. The committee does not meet in December. With the assistance of Dr. Andrea McCoy, chief medical officer of Cape Regional Medical Center, surf zone injury reports are being compiled from beach towns throughout the county. She said she would provide those reports during the October meeting of the Beach Safety Committee. DeSatnick said he wanted to increase beach safety education programs in schools. Deputy Fire Chief Richard

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