

The local news media has dubbed the February snowstorms “snowmageddon”. I tend to agree.

On Friday, February 5th, the forecast is for the snow to start in mid-afternoon and over the following twenty four hours have accumulations to two feet! Cindy calls to ask if she can come to the boat and get snowed in with us. I tell her to get her butt down



here quickly and she does. By the time she arrives around 6PM the snow is starting to stick to the dock and become slippery. We keep the local TV station tuned in and keep looking outside to see for ourselves. Dinner is lasagna and “The Bird Cage”. When we go to bed there is only about 4-5 inches on the dock.

Saturday, the snow is coming down hard and piling up. There are big four inch thick slush floes all around us. As it slows down we go out to shovel and a group of our dock neighbors are out digging out too. Pretty soon we hear the marina guys with the snowblower coming down the dock. The snow is so deep though, they have to shovel first! We have at least two feet. (The city has 24.8 inches and Dundalk has 30 inches. We are somewhere in between.) They get a path cleared out that is one snowblower wide. Henry clears Seven Tenths and Cindy and I contemplate walking up to Boston Street to see if we can get on TV! (We didn't)

By evening we have a little cabin fever so we don our gear and head out for Canton Square to have dinner at “Mama’s on the Half Shell”. OMGoodness...the place is packed with blizzard revelers. Some have been there all day! It is loud and crazy and a good distraction from the snowstorm. Walking is a little difficult, cars are buried and tree branches are down on top of them but it is fun and we are glad we came out.



Sunday dawns sunny as is usual after a storm. Some of our dock neighbors are coming to Seven Tenths to watch the Super Bowl so Henry walks to the grocery store and is gone for hours!!! Cindy can't stay so she heads home and we have a good evening with our dock neighbors watching the Saints win the Super Bowl.

Henry's company was closed on Friday and Monday but mine was not. So Monday morning I headed out being very careful to not make the mistake of not seeing ice on the swim platform. The mistake was going out at all! It took me 36 minutes to drive the couple of miles out Boston Street to I-95 to head up to White Marsh. There were four disabled vehicles along the way making the two lanes into one as you crept around the vehicles that were stuck. One was a tractor trailer on my side facing me!!! When I got to my office about 9AM, I was the only one there! A few folks did trickle in and I stayed until 4:30 and got out of there.

Now the forecast is for another storm...two more feet of snow...beginning Tuesday afternoon. Snowmageddon!!!



Tuesday the 9th we both went to work but came home in the late afternoon as the snow started. Here we go again. The forecast is for up to two feet of snow for this one too!!! This time though we have wind with the storm....gusts around 35mph right here at the boat. It jerks us around in the slip a little but we are tied in pretty tight and there are floating docks here so all is well. The funny thing is that with nothing to stop the wind screaming down the Patapsco River, it blows most of that new snow away. Wednesday is blizzard conditions and both of our offices are closed. That is good because Maryland has put their "phase three" into effect which means you have to be "authorized" to be out on the roads. Okay by me, I don't want to be out. The total for this storm ends up at 19.5 inches. Our season total is now 79.9 inches....a record breaker! Why us?

So now another storm is coming but this one should not produce more than a couple of inches. Heck, that won't be anything. We are tired of this now and envious of our friends who have braved 60 degree temps in Marsh Harbor, Abaco, Bahamas. And everyday we quietly thank our friends who "donated" our ghetto enclosure. One of our fellow Great Harbour owners, Joe, said "that is no way to treat a Great Harbour". We agree.



Remember, the world is seven tenths water. We should spend seven tenths of our time on it.