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Preparing Boats for the Storm

Boat preparations before a hurricane for larger vessels is involved (and somewhat costly). It dawned on me that it is good advice to mention this to those considering buying a larger boat. The insurance companies often prefer that a boat is hauled out of the water and blocked on land. Their logic is that the potential damage on land would be less to repair than a sunken boat. Planning where you will take her requires several phone calls to marinas and boatyards early in the year. Many boatyards have haul out reservations that require a down payment to guarantee a spot if a storm comes. These spaces are limited and if you wait to call, they may be full. Also, this reservation fee is a "use it or lose it" cost — if there is no hurricane in a season, the fee is not returned. If there is a hurricane, then there are added costs for the actual haul out, shore power, bottom cleaning, and possibly a storage fee if a specified time frame on the hard is exceeded. Once she is safely blocked on land, it is time for the owner to climb a ladder getting aboard to remove the bimini, flags, fenders, lines, and other items. Once the storm passes, hopefully, there is a collective sigh of relief that no damage was incurred. We hope that all of you had minimal damage from Dorian and are back on the water soon. The following photos were taken at Wilmington Marine Center on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.



Saint 'n Sinner on the hard with
Steve Worcester, AP securing what he can.



1/Lt Meg Morrison, JN aboard her *Endeavour Détente*
as she comes out of the water.



Impulse being hauled out with
Lt/C Ned Rhodes, SN watching.



Lt Richard Pagan, S carrying jib off *Détente* for storage.