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From: <mecbjo@bellsouth.net>
To: Nelson Weiderman <nhw@ids.net>
Subject: Re: SYNAPSE
Date: Fri, 6 Jan 2006 16:40:21 -0500

Dear Nelson,

Thank you for thinking of me and my boat, SYNAPSE. More than 90% of the boats in the New Orleans Municipal Harbor where I kept my boat were destroyed, including SYNAPSE. I believe that with a little hunting on the internet you can see the marina via satellite images, at least I could up to several weeks ago. Click on NOAA and bring up hurricane Katrina. Find Lake Ponchartrain and scroll along the south shore. Eventually you will see the marina. You will see scores of boats on the shore like dead fish. There are 2 marinas to view. At the edge of one where I moored SYNAPSE, you will see the burned out hulk of the Southern Yacht Club on a point of land. Sadly, SYNAPSE was impaled on a piling, the piling being driven up through the bottom just ahead of the keel and then up through the deck. Actually, I could see SYNAPSE impaled quite well from the images which I first saw in Montana where I happened to be when the hurricane struck. (If you do pull up those images you can see much of the city flooding including the levee breaks.)

So what next? First, I have to get my home repaired. We didn't flood but part of our roof blew off and we have considerable internal water damage. Currently I'm dueling with my insurance company (USAA) which has not been very helpful.

I will tell you I really loved my J, and already miss that wonderful feeling of her sailing.

Today is the first day since August that I have been on my Bellsouth email, one of my daughters having set us up with another email account. We still have no phone service and the mail comes 1 to 2 days each week! To e-mail I have to drive about 15 miles. Only phone service is by cell and it doesn't reach our house. We have to drive ~1/4 mile to have cellphone reception. Typical of life in New Orleans now and for months to come. Again thanks for thinking of me. I hope you have a most happy 2006. Hope to meet you some day.

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> Mike,
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> Your October J/105 Newsletter came back as undeliverable. Anything
> you can tell me about the fate of your boat and the others in NO? Are
> you safe and relocated now? Have a new address?

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> Nelson
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