

September Newsletter- Rocky Pointe Marina

New Asphalt Road Week of September 14-18 Limited Marina Access this week

This is going to be a challenge to get the road repaved and maintain access for your cars. More details to follow in a special mailing and posting. Cars should be able to drive on the new asphalt within a day or so. Truck traffic will not be allowed until about Oct 1st. This will include garbage trucks, boat trailers, furniture delivery trucks, UPS, Fed Ex, water delivery trucks, health care trucks, boat transport trucks, and contractor trucks. Pick-up trucks will be OK. We will accept the UPS deliveries at our entrance and our staff will bring to your home. **No trucks with more than 4 tires and no trucks exceeding 6000# total including vehicle. Please plan ahead to avoid scheduling any trucks from Sept 14 to Oct 1.** Please start asking your questions now so we can include in our plan being sent out the week prior. Email is best stan@rptmarina.com or stop me on the docks.

NO TRUCKS SEPT 14th to OCT 1st

Ramp Installation Tuesday Aug 25th (current Ramps closing Monday Aug 24th)

All the needed preparation is done to install the new ramps and we have a 40ton crane scheduled for Tuesday August 25th at 9am. On Monday we will be making our final preparations which include using a cutting torch to cut the ramps free from the old rusty brackets. Our plan is to start installing the lower ramp on Tuesday morning and the middle ramp in the afternoon. The power company is requiring us to turn off the power to each section of marina while we remove and install the ramps. The power should only be off 1-2 hours in only the section we are working in. We will post notices in each section with any updates. For lower marina tenant access during this time (Monday and part of Tuesday), we will have our steel dock crossing over to the boatyard ramp. In the middle marina tenants will need to walk down the inside dock to the boatyard ramp.

Wake rules

Problems and complaints about boat wakes are an age old topic spanning the globe. As floating home owners, we are fortunate to be able to have our homes on the State of Oregon waterways enjoying the unique lifestyle of a floating home. The waterways belong to all citizens of Oregon. The citizens and boaters have their responsibility to act safely and follow the laws and rules created by the Oregon State Marine Board. Several years ago, OSMB removed the 5mph rule and changed it to "No Wake" within 200ft of marinas, docks or homes. It also makes boaters responsible for their wake regardless of distance if property is damaged. Enforcement is a big challenge. The Multnomah County River Patrol is responsible for over 100 miles of river from Cascade Locks to Scappoose and up the Willamette through downtown Portland. They have 8 to 10 officers to operate 2 boats (and a couple of jet skis) with 2 to 3 daily shifts every day of the week. The majority of their time is responding to emergencies in this large area. Funding for more staff is challenging with consistent pressure on Multnomah County to keep their budget in line. The Oregon State Marine Board provides about 1/3 of the river patrol budget. The OSMB

receives no tax payer money and is funded solely by boat registration fees with the number of boat registrations declining over the past 10 years.

Jet Ski Etiquette

Years ago when jet skis became popular, they were banned in certain areas because of the noise and the typical rider not using common sense regarding other boaters and those in marinas. They do not cause much wake, but when riders leave our fuel dock or go zipping around in front of our marina, they are not being very responsible. We encourage all motorized watercraft to have their fun just upstream past our neighboring marina where there is open water. At our fuel dock we do our best to inform and sometimes refuse fuel to people not operating their craft responsibly.

Stand Up Paddle Boards-SUP

While we do not allow swimming within our marina for safety reasons, the use of SUP's are allowed, but with a note of caution. Stay away from boats and docks where there are power sources and potential stray electricity

Fire Pumps

You may have noticed that our emergency fire pumps look new. We did get 1 new one and have serviced the other 3 to look and perform like new. The additional new one will be kept with the existing one in the upper marina on the clubhouse dock since there are more homes in this section. This gives us a backup when one of the other pumps needs service so that all sections always have a working pump.

Annual Multnomah Channel Clean up Sunday Sept 12th

Low Tide from 10-2pm

This is a fun and productive event that has been put together for the past several years by some residents of Paradise Moorage about 2 miles downstream of Rocky Pointe Pointe. Participants are encouraged to use their kayaks and other small boats to collect garbage off the banks of the Channel. The fuel dock at Rocky Pointe is a designated bag pick up and drop-off site. All participants must register by contacting Coleen at 541-207-2218 or cbelico@gmail.com. Great event to kayak and help clean up the environment while staying socially distanced.

Covid- 19

The social gatherings have been very small and limited this past month. We appreciate everyone doing their part to minimize the spread of Covid by not having gatherings at their home or boat. The marina atmosphere is unique that all the homes and boats share the same front door and the homes and boats are very close to each other. Social distancing on the ramps and docks is being well practiced. Even as the summer slips away and there are less people on the docks we ask that everyone continue to be responsible and stay 6ft or more apart and or wear masks when appropriate.

Congratulations Jerome

Most of you know Jerome who is our head maintenance guy. Jerome and his wife Ashley recently had their second child.

William Jonathon Howard 10# 3oz. born 8-6-2020