



Rocky Pointe Marina July 2021 Newsletter

Safety- Around the Marina and While Boating

Life Jacket Rules and Loaner Life Jackets-

Our marina rule is that all children 12 and under wear life jackets while on our docks. This means from the parking lot down the ramps and docks. This is in addition to both state and federal laws which is- *Federal law requires **children** under the age of 13 to **wear** a USCG -approved **life jacket** while underway in an open vessel on federally controlled waters. All **life jackets** must be: in good and serviceable condition, which means no tears, rips, broken straps or snaps.*

We have kid loaner life jackets located in a dock box outside the marina office between the office and restroom.

No Swimming

Swimming in the marina is not allowed. No jumping or diving off marina docks. We do allow dogs to wade out from our boat ramp. Floating home owners can, at their own risk, swim in front of their homes as our submerged land lease stops at the edge of the floating homes so that area is public water. (See electric shock drowning below)

Safety Ladders- Emergency Use Only

We have installed a total of 6 dock ladders in the marina that are for emergency exit use only and not to be used for swimming . In the lower and middle marina they are located about midway on each side of the main dock, about 50 to 100 feet from the bottom of the ramps. In the upper marina, one ladder is at the upstream side of the kayak shack on the boat dock finger and the other is on the lower restroom on the backside facing shore. It would be challenging to put a ladder in every possible place someone could fall in. Take a moment now to think about where you would go if you fell in. Most boats in our marina have a swim ladder on the back of the boat. Think about swimming to shore. Do not try and swim upstream, save your energy to yell for help.

Electric Shock Drowning

Anytime there is AC power near water, there is the potential for electric shock drowning . It is not from electrical cords in the water, but is caused when there is a fault (short) in the power, typically on a boat, and the power no longer can find its return path back to its origin, so it escapes the boat into the water looking for its grounded home. It spreads in gradient circle. A small amount of power can be lethal. Up until 20 years ago, these deaths were thought to be drownings, but we know better now. There is an excellent 20 minute public service announcement made by the Coast Guard at www.electricshockdrowning.org After watching this video you will understand why there is no swimming in the marina, which by the way, is a new federal rule.

If you see someone struggling in the water that looks more like shock than the inability to swim, DO NOT go in the water after them- you will get shocked too. Turn off main power breaker on the dock or home, or unplug the shorepower cords from as many nearby boats as possible. This will should stop the stray current. You can also use a long pole to pull the person to the dock. Another option is have the person swim away from the dock (against their instinct). The power only strays 50' to 75' and the water will be safe.

No Pellet Smokers

As a reminder- only propane fueled barbeques at the marina. This is for fire safety. One of our newest residents had a smoker from their old house and has donated it to the marina. It is currently on land next to the gazebo. We have a fire chief coming at the end of the month to give us his opinion on its safety. If it's allowed to be used on land, we will need someone to be in charge of scheduling its use. Volunteers?

NO SMOKING ON MARINA DOCKS – PERIOD

Burn Pile

There is a burn pit/pile located between the middle and lower marina. *It is for marina staff use only.* Residents and tenants are not allowed to dump there. We have put up signs that also request you stay 10ft or further from the burn area to avoid sharp objects like nails, screws and other potential sharp objects.

Fire and Emergency Training

All residents are required to attend our annual trainings to review and practice emergency procedures and firefighting equipment. Last year we skipped due to Covid so we need to catch up. It is preferred you attend the one for your section but if not any of the trainings will work. All times are 1pm to 3pm. You can also read our entire emergency plans on our website www.rpmarina.com under the marina tab you will find the emergency action plan.

Lower Tuesday July 13th

Upper/Lower Tuesday July 20th

Middle

Wednesday July 14th

The Landing

Wednesday July 21st

Covid

We will continue with our Covid safety protocol for the summer with 1-way ramps, stepping onto another dock to let others pass and having the office closed

Guest Parking- Upper Marina

The guest parking area for the upper marina is working very well. If you have guests or visitors coming to the marina, please remind them to park in the guest parking area in front of the community gardens. There is a large blue banner that says "Guest Parking". Believe it or not I have seen some people drive to the middle marina and some people just park immediately inside the gate. Please provide your gate code to your visitors and guests in advance. To maintain security, we do not let people in the gate, even if they say they are coming to visit and have the name of the Rocky Pointe resident or tenant. The guest parking tags to be placed on the car dashboard is secondary and can be done within the first 2 hours, provided they are in the guest parking area. We have put fresh new gravel in that area making it much nicer to park and walk on. Just last week I had a tenant call and thank me for turning away someone who wanted in the gate to get to a certain boat, which he had the owners name and boat info. I refused his request 3 times, ends up it was an estate dispute. We do our very best to keep everybody and the boats safe. If guests or visitors park in the main parking lot, there is a good chance they will get a notice placed on their car. If it stays overnight we will block the car in and call for a tow.

In the Middle and Lower Marina we have ample parking so there are no designated guest areas. Guest passes are still required to be placed on the dashboards of all guest and visitors.

Guest Passes are available 24/7 on the table on porch of the clubhouse. There is a log sheet next to the passes to complete when getting parking passes.

This car was parked on the weekend in the upper marina without a guest pass, so we blocked the car in on Saturday. On Sunday they could not get their car out and had to wait until Monday when our staff was back. Don't let your guest get trapped or towed. If we tow the vehicle, it will be located at Drake Towing in St Helens.



Parking Courtesy

If you are going to be gone for an extended period, be courteous and park farther away from the top of the ramp.

Security

Crime is rampant in the Greater Portland area and the number of officers is down. We are very lucky in our location relative to the other marinas around the city. We also have good security gates and access restrictions. Please do not let people walk in or drive in behind you unless you see a marina parking tag. Keep your car locked and things out of sight.

Reminder- Only human waste and toilet paper can be flushed into our system. We have replaced 3 pumps this past month that were clogged and the motors burned out because of tampons that were flushed- Tell your guests please !