



# Rocky Pointe Marina

## March 2022 Newsletter

### Covid

We will continue our safe practices of one-way traffic on the ramps, stepping off to another dock when passing and keeping the office closed to the public. The proposed reduced State restrictions on masks does not really have much impact on our safety practices at the marina, our above practices are of very little inconvenience, we are outdoors and it makes sense to continue for the safety and benefit of all.

### New Radar Speed Sign

We have added a new radar speed sign along our road to help remind everyone to keep their speed slow and safe. These systems are the most effective and friendly way to inform people they are speeding and to get them to slow down. We will move it around from time to time to optimize its effectiveness. It will also inform delivery drivers, guests, boatyard clients, contractors and others who do not get our newsletter or have not read and agreed to our safety rules of the marina. It works 24/7.

### Why - 2 Big Reasons:

- 1- There are at least a few residents that have taken it upon themselves to be the parking and speeding police and have been confronting people verbally, stopping vehicles and leaving (nasty) notes on cars. This is not their job and it is creating tension between other residents, tenants, customers and our employees. It is disturbing the peaceful and enjoyable environment we all want.
- 2- These confrontations have escalated to threats of physical aggression and even the use of weapons. This will not be tolerated in our marina. Oregon law provides for us the ability to serve a 24hour, no cure eviction notice to any resident causing physical harm to another. We do not want to do this but are fully prepared to exercise this option for the safety and benefit of our overall community. Please report any such encounters to the office. If assaulted, call 911.



### Silage Pile Across the River from RPM- Help may be on its way- We need your support!

Our neighbors across the channel from us are going to much effort with their attorney to get the Fazio Farm owners to move the stinky, noisy, loud and annoying Silage pile somewhere else on the island. They have asked for the support of the residents and tenants of Rocky Pointe to sign a petition and add comments. This will go to first to the Fazio Farm owners mid-March and then possibly to Multnomah County . You can electronically sign the petition at <https://chng.it/2bMqckB5> . There also more information and pictures on this website. They would like to see at least 100 names from Rocky Pointe Marina. This is our chance to get rid of the stinky eyesore and the terrible noise every September. If you prefer, we have a copy of the petition that you can come to the office and sign.



## **Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection and Service**

On March 17th, our service will be inspecting both the marina and floating home fire extinguishers and service as needed. The marina pays for the first floating home extinguisher. If you have others, put on your front porch. The cost is \$8 each for the extras. Boat owners can have their fire extinguishers inspected and tagged to meet USCG requirements for \$8 each. Bring your extinguishers to the marina office by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Fire extinguishers with plastic tops cannot be serviced, certified or refilled. There are new USCG rules going into effect next month listed below. It makes good sense as your #2 safety device on board (life jackets #1) to have good working, newer and extra fire extinguishers. Costco has them for \$30 to \$40 depending if they are on sale, they do several times a year.

## **New Coast Guard Fire Extinguisher Rules**

Submitted by the Coast Guard [Office of Auxiliary & Boating Safety](#) (CG-BSX)

Recreational boaters should be aware that on April 20, 2022 updated Coast Guard requirements take effect for the type of portable disposable fire extinguishers that need to be onboard recreational boats propelled or controlled by propulsion machinery.

In October 2021 the Coast Guard announced these amended fire extinguishing equipment regulations in the [Federal Register](#).

These rules do not change how many extinguishers are required, but they do require the removal of certain extinguishers from service. If your boat was required to have one or more fire extinguishers prior to these updated regulations, it will still need to have the same number of extinguishers with this update.

For boats manufactured in model year 2018 and after, the fire extinguisher must be replaced if it is over 12-years old from the date of manufacturing.

Boats of model year 2017 and older should replace older, undated, fire extinguishers but can continue to carry these undated extinguishers if they are maintained in good and serviceable condition.

Disposable fire extinguisher bottles manufactured during the past 20—years contain a manufacture date stamp on the bottom of the cylinder.

For more information about the final rule, view the [Federal Register](#) or search docket number [USCG-2018-0099](#) on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Fire extinguishers must:

Be on board and readily accessible

1. Be of an approved type;
2. Not be expired or appear to have been previously used; and
3. Be maintained in good and serviceable working condition, meaning:

(i) If the extinguisher has a pressure gauge reading or indicator, it must be in the operable range or position;

(ii) The lock pin is firmly in place;

(iii) The discharge nozzle is clean and free of obstruction; and

(iv) The extinguisher does not show visible signs of significant corrosion or damage.

As we roll into another boating season, we encourage you to inspect safety equipment, take a boating safety course, wear a life jacket and refrain from alcohol when operating your boat. Be Responsible, Be Safe!



*Picture taken in February at the upper marina by a resident!*