

Rocky Pointe Marina May 2022 Newsletter



Covid

We will continue our 1-way traffic on the ramps and stepping off to the sides of the docks when passing. The office continues to be closed to people coming in with the exception of some fuel transactions. Let us keep our fingers crossed that our current low infection rate continues and that we can enjoy a safe and fun summer on the water.



Summer Hours

The fuel dock is now open 7 days a week starting May until the end of September. The weekday hours are the same 9am to 5pm. The weekend hours are 10am to 5pm. Current fuel prices are \$6.99 for gas and diesel less your Rocky Pointe discount of .40 cents with credit or debit card or .50 cents with cash or check. We are hoping for a small drop in price in early summer!! Lisa, who has worked the summer office on the weekends for several years, will be here again.

Our Marina Slips are Full

If you have not noticed, most all of the marina boat slips have been full for the past year. This is the highest occupancy we have had in the past 14 years. We attribute this to the fact we have a nice marina, reasonable rates but most of all the high crime rate at Hayden Island. We have held aside enough spaces to accommodate our floating home owners for their seasonal boats. The slips may not be the closest to their homes or the ones they have used to before, but we have worked hard to make sure our residents have a slip and will continue to do so. The only way to guarantee a certain slip is to pay for it all year which many are starting to do. Residents get first right of refusal on a slip but must commit to paying for it all year. As a business, it makes no sense to leave a slip empty for 8 months of the year. You may have noticed that our advertising clearly states NO seasonal slips for nonresidents.

Restrooms and Dock Remodeling/Construction Work

The (lower) upper marina docks should be completed in the next week or so. The very wet weather has slowed us down on that project. On the flip side, the weather has allowed us more time to complete the remodel of all 3 restrooms. The lower and middle both have a brand-new shower room with all new shower stall, floors trim, fans, and paint. We have painted the bathrooms, updated the fixtures, and put a new floor in the middle bathroom. In the upper marina bathroom, we are creating a large dressing area inside the shower room by using the space from the extra shower stall that has been closed. It will have a new coat of paint, newly grouted floor, and nice wood blinds on the windows. We are doing our best to make sure all the facilities are available but there may be a day or 2 that you may need to use the restroom in a different section. Our plan was to put vinyl siding on all the restrooms but currently there is no supply of the material in the color we need. Perhaps next year. We have our work barge loaded with deck boards at the fuel dock which is our next project to get the fuel dock and office decking replaced by early June.



SB859 Passes- No longer need to fill out the floating property tax form every March

A bill was introduced by the efforts of our local marina association, WOOO, to eliminate the requirement of the form and the excessive penalty of 25% to 50% if not returned. It sailed through both the Senate and House and the Governor signed it promptly. It was obvious to the legislature that it was redundant and carried an unfair penalty. FYI- the bill *excluded boat garages* and those owners still need to complete their forms each March. WOOO is already working on legislation in 2023 to correct this.

The Large Boat, Fishing Shack, Derelict Floating Homes, and Silage Pile Update

Our understanding is that the old large wood boat across from the lower marina has been asked to leave and has a place to go in Washington in the near future. The fishing shack is legal and sits on the farmers property. It is a place that some of the farm workers spend their recreational time fishing during the spring salmon run. The 2 derelict floating homes have been contracted to be removed by the Department of State Lands at a cost of \$128,000. There are a couple legal 30-day waiting periods, but they should be gone before our summer starts. The petition against the silage pile has been presented to the Fazio Farm family and we are waiting for a response.

Speed Buoys- In Place Father's Day

Every year we put the markers out around Father's Day weekend. The water is or will be high and there is still lots of debris that will be floating down the river and damage the markers. These markers, which we pay for run \$650 each. Even if we put them out now, the fishermen do not pay much attention and the fishing season will be over mid to late May and then it is quiet on the river until July.

Doggy Poop Bags- On Backorder

There are so many things that are becoming hard to get or not available at all. Our doggy poop bags joins that list. We have had them on order since January and our supplier is still not certain when they will have them. Until then, please provide your own bags.

Pet Vaccinations

Per our rules, we request that all residents with dogs provide us current vaccination records. You can have your vet fax 503-543-5170 or email to office@rpsmarina.com. If you do not have current vaccinations, please do so in the next 4 to 5 months.

Cardboard Recycling

Please put your cardboard in the cardboard recycling. We are regularly finding empty boxes of all sizes in the garbage bins taking up space that could be used for garbage.

