

Rocky Pointe Marina

September 2022 Newsletter

Covid

As Covid continues to linger around, we are staying with our same policy of 1-way on the ramps and stepping off to a side dock to let others pass and the office on a limited basis.

Emergency Plan Enclosed

This year we are sending out our written emergency plan for fire, medical and/or other. This is also posted on our website at rpointemarina.com, but we want to make sure everyone gets a copy and takes the time to review. There have been several medical emergencies this summer and we want everyone to be able to help as needed to improve the chances of the person having difficulties. Please note that the AED's and sirens may not all be put up until October or November. We are working with the previous Scappoose Fire Department Fire Chief Mike Greisen to do the training. He is currently waiting for his new teaching material. The class will be groups of 10 to 15 people at a time and held in the clubhouse. We'll have more information in next month's newsletter. Our goal is that everyone living here *gets certified*.

Multnomah Channel Annual Clean Up Day

Saturday, September 10th from noon until about 3pm. This is the time of the low tide so that small boats and kayaks can get closest to the shore. Our office will have trash bags available, and you can drop them off at our fuel dock. We encourage everyone to go out for a paddle and pick up some trash. This has been an especially bad year for trash and debris with the high water being more than normal and the length of time it was high. Personally, I will be working with a small crew to get rid of the garbage barge that is tied up across from the middle marina. This barge of garbage is the last of the 2 derelict houses that floated down several months ago. The big old wooden boat, Subchaser SC772 that was across from the lower marina is now gone along with the work barge and boathouse. SC772 made it to her new home in Longview but unfortunately soon sank to the bottom.

Drawing and Note Cards of Your Boat or Floating Home

Years ago, I used an artist similar to this one to do a drawing of my boat. I framed the drawing and then used the line art to put on sweatshirts. It was a great gift to myself. Sent a photograph and got a drawing the next day. Great to have on board when you travel, and unique to your boat.

You get a drawing suitable for framing, and 50 foldover note cards with the drawing on them. \$200 plus shipping. See <http://www.baldwinstudio.us> for more info.

Toxic Algae Detected in Willamette River Near Cathedral Park-St Johns, OR

As many of you know, Loki dog comes to the office with Deanna, the Office Manager, on a daily basis. They went out kayaking Sunday Aug 14 in the afternoon-up from the marina. About 18hrs later Loki became very ill – vomiting, diarrhea, stumbling and finally little use of his back legs and limited on his front. Vets don't know if he had algae poisoning but PLEASE be aware of the potential danger of algae in our Channel with your pets. Loki is making a full recovery and will be back running the office again next week, but was a scary time for all.

<https://www.multco.us/multnomah-county/news/toxic-algae-harmful-pets-detected-willamette-river-near-cathedral-park>



Cruising Up the Columbia River

After you leave the Multnomah Channel (about 7 miles from RPM) you go left into the Willamette River. Please be careful at end of the Channel, there is a piling marking a wing dam that runs over to Sauvie Island. Sometimes the wing dam is slightly underwater and can ruin your day (and boat) if you hit it. Keep the piling to your port (left) when leaving Multnomah Channel. From there it is almost 3 miles to the Columbia. Again, there is a set of pilings marking a wing dam that runs to the main shore of Kelly Pointe Park. Keep the piling to your starboard (right). Proceed right to go upriver. Directly in front is Hayden Island and you can go on either side. The inside route is full of marinas, houseboats and a restaurant called The Island Café. At least 3 of the 5 miles is slow no wake, but fun to look at. On the outside it is just open river. Some people make a day trip going around Hayden Island. Continuing upstream 6-8 miles is a series of Islands, the most known named island is Government Island. Other smaller islands are Sand Island, McQuire Island, and Lemon Island. There are several areas and sand spits that people anchor. Just upstream of the I-205 bridge is a public dock which is older and not used much. About 1 mile upstream is a newer and bigger public dock called Switzer Landing. No services since it is on the island but a great beach. Traveling another 10+ miles upstream is The Port of Camas. There is a public dock on the outside. Note that this has been under remodeling for a while and to call first. There is a very nice restaurant that you can walk too. The last typical destination is Beacon Rock on the Washington side and about 20+ miles from Camas. It is a protected bay, and the docks have power for a small fee. Take caution entering the bay. The upstream side has a shoal making it shallow. For the very brave and experienced, next up would be the locks at Bonneville Dam and Hood River. You can take your boat up the Columbia River to the Tri Cities or the Lewiston River. A great trip for the experienced boater.

Beacon Rock



