



Rocky Pointe Marina

June 2021 Newsletter

Covid - Contractors/Guests

We do not see any changes this summer in our Covid safety protocol. This includes one way traffic on the ramps, stepping off to another dock when passing someone and washing your hands. Masks have not been part of our practice as we are outdoors and can separate 6 feet or more and residents and tenants have been awesome and have adapted well. It is guests, visitors and more so the contractors that cause us the greatest risk. Please advise your guests and contractors of our protocol. The risk of Covid is still very real and we need to continue our good practices. If you are fully vaccinated, you are still expected to follow our protocols. Masks are not required except at the Marina office door.

No Smoking on the Marina Docks

Smoking on the Marina docks is extremely dangerous. During the dry Summer it is even more dangerous with the dry logs under the docks that have small bits of wood, tinder and cottonwood fluff. Just one cigarette ember falling through a crack has a very high likelihood of igniting a fire. Please make sure your guests and visitors follow this simple rule. Contractors are notorious at breaking this rule and we warn them when we see them. If you see someone smoking on the docks, please tell them to stop. If they ignore your request, see if you can find out what slip they are in and call the Office at 503-543-7003 and we'll make sure they stop.

Guest Parking/ Parking Passes

As the Summer season begins, many people have guests and visitors. In the upper marina, all guests, visitors and second cars from boat tenants must park in the guest parking area inside the gate. It is well marked with a blue banner that reads "guest parking". It is the gravel area just past the sign. Guest passes need to be on the dashboard of the vehicles. Parking passes are self-serve and available 24/7 on the porch of the clubhouse. Pick up the pass(es) and log on the log sheet. Guest and visitor parking in the middle and lower Marina require a guest pass as well but they can park anywhere in the lower or middle Marina. We monitor and tag the vehicles not properly marked and they are subject to tow. Thank you in advance for making sure your guests and visitors park in the guest area.

Store/Office

The fuel dock is now open weekends through September from 10am to 5pm. It is open during the week during normal office hours of 9am to 5pm. Just a reminder that the Office/Store is closed to public access and we no longer have any snacks or beverages for sale. We will continue to offer ice.



Dock Carts

Dock carts are disappearing for days at a time and also ending up in a different section of the marina. Please be courteous and return your dock carts to the ramp area. Even if you plan on using it again in a few hours it really needs to go back for others to use, especially with the summer season upon us. Please do use carts to bring packages from the upper marina to the middle or lower Marina unless you plan on promptly returning the cart to the upper marina. We have a designated number of carts at each section that works providing enough carts for use if people return them promptly.

Wash Boats and Remove Winter Tarps

Boat Owners please remove winter tarps off and give your boat a bath. It would be awesome if everyone got this done by Father's Day. Something we are going to test this year is pressure washing the sterns of some boats. We know it is a hard area to reach and all the dirty sterns look terrible from the water side. We have installed a water system on our tug so we can drive along and clean the backs of boat easily with a pressure washer.

Summer Water Use

The water at Rocky Pointe comes from our own well located at the building next to the gate. Our average water use at the marina during non-summer months is about 4000 gallons per day. In the summer it jumps to 5000 to 6000 gallons per day due to more people using their homes and boats. Our system is fully capable of handling this volume. It is broken water lines, running toilets or hoses left running in the water that cause us concern. Any of these events can more than double our water use in 24 hours which is not a good thing. When using a hose to wash your boat use a nozzle and conserve. When watering plants consider using the river water. Of course, if you see a broken water line let us know. Fortunately, with our new water lines this issue is more rare but a giant boat wake can still cause all types of harm.

Personal Property (Floating Home) Tax Form- Multnomah County Penalty

Everyone with floating property is required to complete this form each year in March and, if it is late, there's a 5% to 25% penalty on your taxes due. Stan is involved in a group with a Legislator to remove the requirement of completing this form and the associated penalty. It's to be brought to the Legislative session next year in 2022. We need to collect data from those who have been penalized for being late on this report. If you have had this issue in the past, please contact Stan at the Office.

Fire Marshall Request

It has been strongly suggested by the Fire Marshall that all barbeques, fire pits, etc. have a fire-retardant mat under them. They are sold as barbeque mats. They are about 3'x4' and you can get at most hardware stores or Fred Meyers. As a reminder, only propane barbeques/smokers are allowed on your decks. Any open flame from a fire pit or other must have a screen over the flame. This is all for the safety of you, your neighbors and the Marina community.



Emergency and Fire Training

During Covid last summer we skipped the annual training. Our plan is to schedule the emergency training to start in late July or early August assuming we can gather safely at that time. One of the primary things we cover is all the fire fighting equipment we have at the Marina and how and when to use it. There are red fire buckets about every 100 ft on the dock which are an excellent source of quick water to extinguish a dock fire. We have put ropes on the bucket handles at the request of residents who feel they cannot bend down to scoop up water. Tossing the bucket into the water with the rope takes practice to fill the bucket. If you are one of the people who need to use the rope it would be a good idea to practice. If you can, scooping the bucket is faster and more effective. There are fire extinguishers on the outside of all the houses, Marina structures and some on posts. There are over 100 extinguishers along the Marina docks, and they are all meant to be used. Do not be afraid to use the closest ones around. The Marina pays for any refill costs. We also have the portable fire pumps and the fire standpipes on the docks which we cover in the training.

During an emergency after 911 has been called, if there are enough people to help, sending someone to the top of the ramps or marina gate is very helpful for the emergency staff to find the emergency.

Old Phone Lines

We have installed Cat 5 phone/data cable to well over half the Marina. At some point we want to take down the old greenish colored telephone posts on the docks that have the old copper telephone wires. If you still are using the old wires, please let us know so we can arrange to install a Cat 5 cable.

Emergency Contact Phone Number

We are no longer using the 929-9204 number. Jerome's Cell # is **971-757-0960**. Text and pictures are great.

