



Rocky Pointe Marina

August 2021 Newsletter



Covid

Even though our State has opened up, we continue to request 1- way traffic on the ramps and stepping off to another dock to let people pass. Our Office continues to be closed to public access.

Garbage

Please remember that *only* normal household garbage goes into our garbage containers. Just because it fits does not mean it is OK. Would it fit in your trash can at home? We find car parts, carpeting, boat cushions, large planters, construction materials (sheetrock and wood) and even a kitchen sink. These are your responsibility for proper disposal. Please do not overload the dumpsters. The garbage company charges us up to \$150 when the lid is more than 4" open, this includes both garbage and cardboard dumpsters. Weekends are the busiest so if you can wait until Monday afternoon that would be helpful. In the Upper Marina, if you have excess cardboard or bagged garbage and the containers are full, please put the materials in the walled off area at the kiosk. Our staff will put in the dumpsters as space allows. Also please pay attention to which dumpster you put cardboard and garbage in, they are well marked. Last month our garbage service would not pick up the cardboard twice due to garbage mixed in with the cardboard.

Water Use

Household water use remains stable for the season but we notice many Floating Home Owners watering their plants and flowers with our drinking water. We strongly suggest that you use a bucket to get river water or install a pump. The water from the river has more nutrients for your plants and it does not take away from our limited water in our well.

Wake Rules

The State rule is no wake (any white water at the bow or stern) within 200 ft of a Marina or floating structure. Our wake markers are set at 150 to 175 feet as we cannot impede the channel because of the gravel barge traffic. Common sense and boater courtesy would be to go slow past all Marinas, never at half speed, which creates the worst wake. Once past the Marinas, there is no speed or wake limit-motor past and then enjoy.

\$1 Million Dollars to Remove the Abandoned and Derelict Boats

This past Legislation session I authored Senate Bill 740 sponsored by our Senator Betsy Johnson to obtain additional funding to remove the ever-increasing collection of abandoned and derelict boats on and along our local waterways. The Oregon State Marine Board only has \$150k every 2 years and it barely makes a dent in the problem. The cost of removing these old boats range from \$3000 to \$40,000 each. After many twists and turns in the Legislature and getting Senator Taylor of District 21 (Willamette River) concerned about the problem, she was able to get \$1 million dollars included in The Americas Recovery Act as a kick start to clean up of the boats. We will have her support in the next Legislative session to look for permanent funding and programs to stop the end-of-life boats ending up on our waterways. Big thanks to both Senator Johnson and Senator Taylor. The Oregon State Marine Board will administer. As a side note, we at Rocky Pointe do everything we possibly can to not allow any of the boats in our Marina to become part of the abandoned and derelict problem. First we screen and require insurance, but some boats get abandoned here. Rather than allowing a boat to be given away for free, we acquire the boat and destroy it. Last year we disposed of a 28ft power boat and the year before we arranged for 2 power boats to be removed to land and disposed of elsewhere.

Dock Construction

We will resume dock replacement in the Upper Marina and other sections as needed late this Fall or Winter. We stopped buying wood this Spring as prices of wood tripled. The normal cost for a truckload of deck wood usually is around \$25k. The price increased to over \$75k but is starting to drop. We try and do most dock replacement during the burn season - typically Oct through May - so we can get rid of the old boards quickly. The first priority will be completing the decking in the lower section of the Upper Marina.

Dog Pee

Can't believe we need to mention this but Dog Owners are allowing their dogs to pee on our gate and entrances and flower gardens. We have had to post signs in the Upper Marina. Please do not allow your dogs to pee on the structures of the Marina, it is disgusting and unsanitary. We realize that accidents do happen and would expect that you at least get a bucket of water and rinse it off, borrow one of the fire buckets on the dock if need be.

Lower Marina Parking Lot Work

Our plan is to start the last week of August digging and setting up forms to pour a concrete pad from the existing pad to the entrance to the boatyard. Our goal is to get this done within 5-6 days and allow the concrete to set over the Labor Day weekend. After that, our tentative plan is to finish the asphalt in the lower section. We will keep those in the Lower Marina posted on our schedule. This project will not cause any road closer for residents or tenants.

1960 Herter Flying Fish Boat on Display

Have you seen this boat on display by the Office? This boat was manufactured by the Herter Sporting Goods Company of Waseca, Minnesota. They were the first mail order sporting goods store and sold out to Cabela's sometime in the 70's. During their slow cold winter months, they would produce about 100 boats to keep their employees working. They had their own foundry and all the aluminum parts they custom manufactured for the boats. The taillight aluminum housing was made to fit the original 1959 Cadillac taillights. There are many cool parts including a custom fixture that holds both a pack of cigarettes and a zippo lighter. I do not run this boat in the water anymore but use it for display at boat shows and car events. This year I thought I would set it out at the Marina to share some boating history.



Don't Flush-Toilet wipes or Feminine Products

There are new biodegradable wipes on the market but these or any other type of wipes cannot go down your toilet. Also please instruct your guests that no feminine hygiene products can go down the toilets. We have now replaced 4 pumps in the Upper Marina in the past 2 months.

No Solicitors

We do not allow any Solicitors in the Marina. In 15 years, only one local sports department has slipped through. If a Solicitor does get in somehow and comes to your home, please contact the Office and we will remove them from the Marina. On the same note- please do not let people in the gate behind you. Either ask them their business or wait for the gate to close.