

Rocky Pointe Marina April 2023 Newsletter

Covid

Because there are still various variants of Covid getting many people sick, we are continuing to be cautious and continue our existing policy which is a very minor inconvenience, and everyone is doing so well adhering to it. 1-way traffic on the ramps, step off to another dock when passing others and having very limited access inside the office.

AED Training-- Thursday Evening 6-8 pm April 20th

We now have over 30 trained operators of this critical life saving device. Our goal is everyone who lives here. Call the office to sign up.

Boaters- Time to get your boats unwinterized.

-**Get your registrations paid** and put the decals on your boat. Contact the Oregon State Marina Board and ask for the registration department. They can resolve many issues and can register your boat with a credit card.

-**Turn off your heaters**- freezing weather is over and there is no need to waste the power to heat your boat. Even if the temperature drops to 30 degrees, the warm 40 degree river water provides enough heat.

-**TARPS OFF**- all winter tarps need to be off your boat by May 1st

-**Boat Slips water is back on.** Please wash your boats by June 1st for the benefit of the other boaters and homeowners in our marina.

Seasonal Slip Rentals

We are no longer accepting seasonal boats from people outside our marina. We will rent seasonal slips to homeowners if we have them available. We will not hold an empty slip but will give the nearby resident first right to rent the slip year-round. The minimum rental period is 6 months. There is no discount. If a resident decided to keep a slip year round, they get their 20% boat slip discount.

Covered slips.

We maintain a waiting list for our covered slips as they are in high demand. To get on the waiting list you must already have your boat here. An outsider cannot get on our wait list. Currently the waiting time is about 6 to 8 months.

Derelict boat reminder

DO NOT tie off any derelict boat to your house or any part of the marina. Once it is tied off it no longer is the responsibility of law enforcement since you have removed it as a hazard. It becomes your problem and can be a very big problem. Let it continue floating down the river. You have the right to push it away from your property and protect your property from damage. You can call 911 and let them deal with it.

New Office Staff

Welcome Diane to the office Staff- We now have Jen, Deanna, Diane and sometimes Stan. Deanna will be switching to working from home. Jen and Diane will handle the day-to-day work with customers in the office.

Parties- Large Events

With spring and summer just around the corner many people will have parties with several guests. If you are having a party larger than 10, please let us know so we can help control the traffic, parking, and directions. Remember you are responsible for your guests and they must park in the guest parking area if you are in the upper marina. We do not want to tow but we will if things are out of control.

Late fees \$25

Reminder that rents, utilities, etc. are due on the first of the month and considered late at 5pm on the 8th of the month. If you have your back automatically send your payment, please let them know rent is due on the 1st (not the 8th). We will not waive the \$25 late fee but we may waive the 72hour notice of non-payment for your first offence. We take credit cards for boat slips, boat power but we do not take credit cards for floating home rent or the propane.

Abandoned Boat Legislation

Our new Governor has requested a new line-item policy package in the budget for \$18.8 million dollars, HB5037. This is for both the commercial vessels and recreational boats. It has gone to committee and waiting for a workshop. Most likely it will sit until May at the end of the session to make adjustments and additions. Most likely it will require programs set up to reduce the growing problem. Big news for those of us who want clean and safe waterways.

Spring is around the corner (hopefully)

Many people ask about the rising water when the snow melts in the spring and early summer. It has to do with a variety of factors. The amount of snow pack, what the snow level is and the temperatures and the timing of these events. Sometimes a 150% snowpack we do not notice an increase in the water level as the freezing level stays steady, so the snow melts more steady. Other times we can have a 80% snow pack, get several feet of snow at lower levels of 500 to 1000ft, followed by a warm rain melting the snow very fast. (pineapple express) This raises the river levels quickly and brings with it all the trees and branches that have fallen in the past year. This is called the spring freshet. The dams play a big role as well in the Columbia River and they can control the level to some degree. Here on Multnomah Channel, we are fed by the Willamette River where there are no dams.

Our upper parking lot is at 20ft elevation, and the lower marina is at about 18ft. The houses can safely float up 25 to 30 ft level and then back down with no damage to the house. However, you may be without utilities for several days as some of our power supply is located at 20ft. Most of our utilities are up around 30ft like our water well building in the upper parking lot. Unfortunately, it needs power to run. Below are some of the recent flood events in the Portland area.

Fortunately, these are not flash floods and there are days of warning. All this information is on our website under "weather/river levels."