

Rocky Pointe Marina July 2023 Newsletter

Covid

As a reminder, we no longer have any covid protocol on the docks and ramps. Of course, common courtesy is appropriate when passing others on the docks. We do request that you minimize time in the office. Payments can be put in the drop box, or a credit card can be called in for boat slip payments. Use the phone if you have a question or concern.

Garbage recycling

We recently had Waste Management refuse to pick up the mixed recycling at one of our garbage can areas. This was due to items in the containers that included food, dog poop bags and dirty recyclable products like milk jugs with milk still in them. Please only put clean recyclable items in these containers. Also remember that glass is not recyclable by our service provider and needs to go in the garbage. To remedy the above situation, our staff just dumped the entire contents of 3 containers into the garbage.

Guests

Remember that you are responsible for your guests and their behavior. In the upper marina they must use the guest parking area. Give them your code and instructions before they arrive. There are guest parking passes available 24/7 on the porch of the clubhouse.

Fires, No smoking and July Fireworks

Fire is one of our biggest concerns here at the marina for obvious reasons. A reminder that there is no smoking on the docks or ramps of the marina. In your home or on your boat is OK. Please do not throw butts in the water. Remember that we have fire buckets every 100 to 200 ft on the dock that work great to put out a small dock fire. Also, there are 120 fire extinguishers on the property that are all at your full disposal to use as needed. Always have someone call 911 as you attend to the fire.

- also, our rules state only gas-powered barbecues on boats and homes- no charcoal.
- gas fire pits are allowed on homes but must have a screen cover
- no open flames of any type
- no fireworks, anytime, on or from marina property.

No swimming

A summer reminder that swimming is not allowed within the marina. Floating home owners, at their own risk, can swim on the river side of their home as this is state property and beyond our rules. This has become a federal rule that is being phased in for the safety of swimmers. In any marina where there is AC electrical current on the docks or connected to boats there is a chance of electric shock drowning. There is a good video to watch at www.electricschockdrowning.org or stop by the office for a brochure.

Chains, house connections, etc.

As stated in our rental and lease agreements, the floating homes connections are the responsibility of the homeowner. This includes chains, bumper logs, and the water line to the turn off valve and the sewer line to the backflow valve. Our staff is not responsible for your maintenance. We can refer you to a service contractor.

Water Use

Our offseason water use runs 3500 to 4000 gallons a day. In the summer it runs 5000 to 6000 gallons a day. A running hose or leaking toilet will double that number. Please be careful to listen for a toilet running or a hose running in the water.

Wake Markers/Wake Rules

Our wake markers are now placed in front of our marina. As you know, not every boater knows and/or follows the rule. The Oregon State Marine Board rule is that – within 200 feet of any marina that no wake be created.

A wake is defined by the OSMB.

12) “Slow-No Wake” means operating a boat at the slowest speed necessary to maintain steerage and that reduces or eliminates waves that appear as white water behind the boat.”

Our wake markers are set at about 150 feet out from the marina. We cannot go out to 200 feet as that is the channel for the gravel barge that comes by daily and it would destroy the markers (\$750 each). There is another law that states that a boat is responsible for any damage it may create from its wake, regardless of distance.

You can report wake violators simply by completing the complaint form enclosed, filling it out then scanning/emailing or snail mail into the MCSO River Patrol. The MCSO is committed to sending letters to the owners of the violating boats if we can capture the white water of the wake, the boat OR Numbers and, preferably, the headshot of the driver.

We have found most don't realize they are doing anything wrong and contact by the MCSO educates them from breaking the law again.

There is nothing that RPM can do other than instruct boaters who come to the fuel dock. Wakes issues are worldwide and have been around for over a century. We are not unique on Multnomah Channel. In fact, the problem on the Channel is far less than anywhere else in the metro area.

The wakes typically do not hurt your home. It may move some, but it does no harm. The greatest harm is your house rocking and the dock rocking at a different rhythm causing stress and/or breaks of the utilities.

A big thank you to the Multnomah County Commissioners who decided not to cut the River Patrol Deputies from 8 to 6 in their final budget approved in early June this year. The river community spoke in force with testimony pleading for them to keep the existing level.