

June 2023 Rocky Pointe Marina Newsletter

Covid

With both the Federal and State removing Covid restrictions, so are we. However, it is polite to make room for others to pass you on the docks and ramps.

Summertime is Near

As summer time arrives, these are some very important safety rules.

- No smoking on the docks
- Only propane barbeques
- No open flames, outdoor firepits need covers.
- All children 12 and under must wear life jackets starting from the top of ramp.
- No running on the docks
- No swimming inside the marina

High water/debris

The high water is here and there are lots of floating logs, wood, garbage, etc. floating down the river. Boaters be careful and keep your eyes in front of you to avoid hitting something. Some logs are much like an iceberg with very little showing above the water.

Boat Towing and Assistance

Tow Boat US is back in business with their familiar 2 red boats. They are part of the national network sponsored by Boat US. Your membership is good nationwide. It is basically AAA for boaters. \$99 a year is the basic membership that covers 100% of on water towing, jump starts, fuel delivery and soft groundings. There is one other independent tow service, Columbia Marine Assistance. They no longer have a membership program, and their rates are similar to Tow Boat US if you are not a member. The rates range from \$200 to \$300 an hour starting from when they leave their dock and stop when they return.

Sign up for Tow Boat US at www.boatus.com

Clean up

Our staff has been cleaning the entire marina and uplands. We are nearly finished washing any boats will green slim on them. Currently we are fighting all the debris floating down the river and removing it from the docks and slips. Please do your part by cleaning your houses and boats and tidying up your docks.

No Car or Boats (on land) Washing

As a reminder, you are not allowed to wash vehicle in our parking lot. These are state and federal laws because of the runoff to the water and the wetlands on the other side. There are both drive through and self-wash stations in Scappoose.

Guests

Remember to get a parking pass for your guests to put on their dashboard. The guest passes are located on the front porch of the clubhouse available 24/7. If you are in the upper marina, your guests need to park in the guest parking area about 300ft inside the gate.

Propane Meter Charges

Anyone with a propane meter will have a \$15 charge that we pass on from the Department of weights and measures.

Garbage

Please do not put items in our trash cans that are not normal household garbage in trash bags. We are continuing to see large items, cushions, furniture, planter boxes, dirt and cardboard boxes. Please avoid putting your trash in the bins on Sundays, especially in the upper marina if possible

Our Water at Rocky Pointe

All of our water is potable water on all the docks. The only exception is a direct from the well spigot used for testing at the well house next to the car gate. It is marked with a sign as NOT potable. Our water comes from a well that is more than adequate for the marina, even during the high peaks of summer and winter. Each year we are required to post on our website a "Consumer Confidence Report", also know as CCR'S. It describes our water system and all the water testing done for the prior year with the results. We use a water testing service that comes by monthly to check for coliform and e coli. They check both the potable and non-potable. In our 17 years we have never had a positive test. We do inject food grade bleach to kill any potential bacteria at the well after the water runs through the water softeners. 15 gallons of bleach lasts us about 3 months. We test twice a week at the ends of the marina for chorine/bleach residual. This assures us there is treatment all the way to the end of the lines. We have an automatic pump that injects the chorine into 3 large contact tanks and this pump increases or decreases according to the water demand.

Our water testing lab also does dozens of other tests each year from nitrate, Atrazine to Xylenes, radium and uranium. It is all in the CCR's and we have the past 5+ years posted on our website. Each chemical testing has its own schedule of 1 to 9 years. In 2022, of all the tests, all came back ND (non-detectable)

Why the yellow color or smell once or twice a year?

Last year we finally got the answer. We had a geologist water engineer on site doing a 10-year inspection and I asked her about this. Her first comment was "didn't you know?" I said know what. She said that we are on a fault line, the same fault line that the old Trojan Nuclear Power Plant was located on and that this is the real reason the plant was removed. When mother nature does her shake, pieces of the well wall fall into the water causing the yellow or brown color and/or smell. She said the water is safe and the only way to remove it is by flushing it out by running the water. We suggest that you turn on your outside spigot until the water is clear. Be prepared and have at least a gallon of bottled water on hand.

Legislation Update

The Governor has withdrawn the \$18.7 million dollars from her budget that would go to the removal of abandoned and derelict boats. Now the Department of State Lands is working with several legislators to get \$8.6 million from the general fund. It is not over until its over and signed into law. Politics!!

River Patrol Budget Cut

Multnomah County is planning on cutting 2 fulltime river patrol deputies to bring the number down 25% from 8 to 6 fulltime. Here is how you can help.

SEND WRITTEN COMMENTS: We suggest strongly that you send written comments. It is very easy. Click the link <https://www.multco.us/budget-feedback> (or cut and paste), click on one of the dates that has not passed, scroll down to click on "written testimony" then on the next page you have options of departments and click on "sheriff". Then you fill in your name and have a box to write your concerns of reducing the river patrol by 25% and consider adding your personal experiences with their assistance or relationship with the river patrol, if that applies. The last time to submit comments is May 31st at 6pm.