

Rocky Pointe Marina August 2023 Newsletter

Summer

The sunshine and heat are here, and we are seeing many more people here at the marina enjoying their homes and boats. When you have guests, please make sure they have a temporary parking pass on their windshield. You can get these 24/7 on the porch of the clubhouse next to the office. In the upper marina there is a guest parking area inside the gate about 300 ft that they need to park in.

Tides

The high water is gone, and we are now tidal. There is virtually no water coming from upstream off the mountains and very little water over the dams. This will continue until early October when the rains start again. Tides rise and fall twice each day with the gravitational pull of the moon and sun on the earth. Of these 2 tides, the strongest (called the spring of king tide) is when the moon and sun are both on the same side pulling on earth and the smaller of the 2 tides (called neap tide) is when the moon and sun are on opposite sides of earth. This is why you may notice the water flowing upstream for several hours which is an incoming tide. Tides are very predictable. Google "Multnomah Channel Tides" and the Rocky Pointe tides will show up. We are working on putting a link on our website with the river levels and weather.

Boat Ramp Launching

Consider the tides as mentioned above. Our ramp has an 8" drop off into mud and you can get stuck, mess up your trailer and not get your boat on or off. There is blue tape on the ramp indicating the end of the ramp. There are 3 public boat ramps within 10 miles that have much deeper water. Scappoose Bay, St. Johns (Cathedral Park) and Sauvie Island on Ferry Street.

Do not ask our dock staff or offer work!

Please do not ask our dock staff to do work on your house or boat. Moonlighting is strictly prohibited in our handbook. You must contact the marina office with your request, and you will be given a quote. We do not do plumbing, inside work, decks, washing, etc. In fact, there is very little we can let them do.

Emergency training- Wednesday August 23rd at 2pm

During Covid we cut back on the emergency training, so now there are a fair number of new residents in the past year that have not attended a training course. We will offer a single program and start inside the clubhouse, then go on the dock to run the fire pumps and then onto land to use a fire extinguisher. We will show you where the utility shut-offs are in your section and at your house. Please contact the office to sign up. If not, we will be contacting you.

No bikes on docks

Reminder that riding bikes on the docks is not allowed.

Derelict Boat Legislation Update

There are always some surprises at the end of our legislative session. For awhile it looked like a stalemate, and nothing would get approved. The big surprise for us boaters and water lovers is that the original \$18.7 million dollars was approved for removal of the derelict vessels around the state. Also approved was an 18-person task force made up of state agencies and boat related businesses to report back to the legislature in about a year with ideas to reduce or eliminate the derelict boat problems, what obstacles there are to doing this and ideas for more funding.

No Swimming in the Marina

This is one of our rules and is now a federal law being phased in around the states and cities. We cannot control what you do off the front of your house as that water is beyond our leased submerged land. On the back side of this newsletter is some information on electric shock drowning. For more information www.electricschockdrowning.org.