

Rocky Pointe Marina February 2024 Newsletter

Recent Snow and Ice Storm

The marina survived the storm with only minimal issues. For the first time in our 17 ½ years, Multnomah County plowed our hill at the start of the storm. This was not the worst event we have had but was a close 2nd or 3rd worst chill we have experienced. Fortunately, power stayed on the entire time, so all the homes had power and heat and the boats with heaters stayed above freezing. Water remained on for all but 3 homes that were at the end of the dock that had several vacant homes before them not running water. So far, no boats have sunk from frozen hoses letting water in.

When the temperature warmed above freezing, there was 1 marina supply line in the lower marina that broke. Fortunately, 2 of the residents, a plumber and a contractor were able to do a repair just before dark and keep the water flowing and pressure up. Thank you, Mike, and Yuri. There were 2 other major breaks that were at floating homes. Both had uninsulated utility sheds with exposed water filters that froze and broke. By the end of the first day with above freezing temperatures, the water breaks were contained, and all houses had water. Our normal water use is 4500 gallons per day and it increased to 29,00 gallons per day during the freeze with people running their water.

No Working on cars and boats in parking lot (or washing)

A reminder of our rules that working on your car or boat on any off the marina uplands is strictly prohibited. We have this rule for many reasons with the biggest reason- that one side of the road is a registered wetlands and the other side is the water. There are several governmental agencies that restrict what can be done. Recently, we had a high-end car dealership come here to do a mobile oil change. We had to ask them to leave. Last year we asked a mobile detailer to leave.

Fire pumps in restrooms

We have put the emergency fire and water pumps in the restrooms to keep them warm, dry, and more ready to use if needed. They will go back outside in March.

Boat Registration

It is now the time of year to renew your boat registration. Remember registration is for 2 years, so every other year it needs to be done. The Oregon State Marine Board does a mailing or emailing to the registered owners in December with no follow up, except, Multnomah County River Patrols start their marina inspections on outdated registration in February. They issue citations to those who do not have their boats registration up to date. Contact the OSMB registration office at 1-503-378-8587 and ask for the registration department. They are very helpful, and you can complete the process with a credit card. If you have your new decals and are out of the area, you can mail them to our office, and we will put them on your boat. Remember, 2/3rd of this money goes towards new public boating facilities like docks and boat launches and towards the salaries of the River Patrols in the state.

Return dock carts!

Even when it is raining, cold or dark, please return the dock carts to the ramp area.

Safety Tips for Boaters

-Shore power cords should be checked to make sure they are secure. Use a small line or bungee cord. We had a boat where the snow was enough to pull the power cord loose costing the owner a few thousand dollars in broken water lines inside his boat. Loose power cords are also a major cause of boat fires as heat builds up from resistance and/or arcing. Any cord with burned prongs needs to have both ends replaced.