

December 2024 Rocky Pointe Marina Newsletter

Christmas Ships- Sunday December 15, 2024

The annual parade of Christmas Ships will be coming by on Sunday December 15th. The scheduled time is between 5pm and 7pm but it is usually around 6pm when they pass Rocky Pointe. Santa will be riding on the Scappoose Fire boat at the tail end of the parade and will be stopping at the fuel dock to visit the kids. The gates will be open from 4pm to 6pm and no parking permits will be needed.

Toy and Joy

This is sponsored by the Scappoose Fire Department for the children of Columbia County. We will again be accepting donations checks made out to Toy and Joy or Scappoose Fire Department, and Rocky Pointe will match 100% of the contributions. The past few years we got just over \$1500. Let's get at least \$2000 this year. You can drop checks by the office.

Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving- The office and fuel dock will be closed from Wednesday November 27th at 2pm thru Sunday Dec. 1st. The boatyard will be open Wednesday Nov 27th until 3pm. There is a drop box for payments and paperwork on the left side of the office door at eye level.

Christmas Hours- The office and fuel dock will be closed Tuesday December 24th through Thursday Dec 26th (3 days off)

New Years- The office and fuel dock will be closed Tuesday Jan 31st through Thursday January 2nd, 2025 (3 days off)

Boat Winterization

-Boats are already starting the sinking process from all the rain water filling their cockpit when the drains get covered with leaves. Another reason could be non-working bilge pumps. Most insurance companies will not pay a claim on a boat that requires regular use of the bilge pump. If you have a major hull leak it needs to be taken care of. Contact the boatyard.

- Inspect your mooring lines, rigging lines and fenders to make sure they are secure. Boats bashing around in the slip or sails flopping in the wind can cost expensive repairs.

-It is important to keep certain parts in your boat from freezing which includes the water in the engine and any hose, especially those that exit the hull of the boat. Heaters can be used but not ignition protected heaters in a gas engine compartment. Put biodegradable anti-freeze in the engine, sinks and toilets. One of the very most important things to do is shut off the seacocks. These are the valves that stop water from coming in should the hose break. Engine and generator intakes, toilets, wash down pumps, etc.

Check your shore power cord to make sure it is tightly secure at both ends.

House winterization

-Have a survival kit if we lose power or water. Several gallons of water, food, flashlights, portable cell phone charger are a good start. You can use river water to fill your toilet tank so you can flush. Keep the number of flushes to a minimum, eventually your honey pot will fill up and overflow into the river if there is no power.

- Inspect your house utility lines, water, propane, sewer and chains to make sure they are free to move. Your chains should be tight with a turnbuckle.