

Rocky Pointe Marina February 2025 Newsletter

Winter Could Still Freeze Us

So far, we have had a very mild December and January, but February is still to come. The following are a few reminders to be prepared for freezing weather.

Houses-

1-Trickle your water, preferably an outside hose faucet, or, if inside, the faucet nearest the dock. If the forecast is for a slight freeze of 1 to 2 degrees below freezing and only for a few hours, that is not enough cold to freeze your waterline. No need to waste our water. If it is colder at night, make sure you turn off your faucet when it warms up. If you are planning on being gone, it is best to turn off your water valve.

2- Salt is available in all 3 sections of the marina. Feel free to spread it along the dock near your house or the entire section all the way to the ramp. Our staff do not start work until 8am and it takes well over an hour to get it all done. Keep a container of bag at your house. DO NOT PUT SALT ON RAMPS- salt corrodes aluminum. Snow shovels are also located where the salt is kept.

3-Have some survival items. Bottles water, a portable cell phone charge (your) car works too, extra food

Boats-

You have to find a way to keep anything with water in it above freezing, especially the hoses that are connected to thru hulls below the waterline.

- 1- The easiest and best way to protect the below waterline hoses is to turn off the seacock valve. There should be 1 for each engine, generator and toilet output.
- 2- The water in your tanks. Sink and toilets are not as important as they are not connected to anything under the water line. Most people pour a small amount of environmentally friendly anti-freeze in their toilets and sinks.
- 3- Heat is another good option but it costs money and there is always the possibility of a power outage, especially during a severe storm.

Don't Forget to Renew Your Fishing License

The salmon will start running in the next few weeks. Remember to get or renew your fishing license. The easiest way is to go to www.myodfw.com. Cost this year is \$44.00 +9.75 for a Lower Columbia River permit.

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