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This Month @ Owl Harbor

We are half way through the year - already.....

Summer is officially here with Memorial Day and the long weekend on the water . There is a lot to do when planning your summer, but keep in mind all those projects will still be there and spending time with family and friends might not.

Reserve a picnic area to gather the troops and celebrate Dad with his favorite hobby - boating. Make those memories and re-energize your tired mind by finding peace on the water. You may be surprised how going to back to work looks different after a nice vacation. And the best part is there is no additional cost and no TSA line to stand in for hours. Just pack up some food and get on the water.

Cheers,

*Devery, Max, Abby,
Twitchell, Stephanie, and
Capt. Jack Sparrow*

***May 30th**

**Happy Memorial Day!
We will be open from 10-4
with limited staff. Enjoy the
day.**

***June 4th**

**Join us for the official
Kick Off of Movies on the
Green. The movie is
“Stripes” and is rated R.**

***June 4th**

**26th Annual Delta Ditch
Run**

***June 11th**

**National Marina Day -
Get out on the water and
get outdoors.**

***June 18th**

**Owl Harbor Marina
Tenant and Delta Doo Dah
BBQ. Starts at 5:00 PM at
the clubhouse. Food and
Drinks will be on us - hope
to see you for summer fun!**

***June 19th**

Happy Father’s Day!

***June 20th**

First Day of Summer!

***Coming Up**

***July 2nd**

**Movies on the Green.
Movie will be “Ghostbusters”
rated PG-13**

***July 4th**

**4th of July Fireworks at Hilton,
Mandeville Island**



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Boating News

Information Board Now up and Loaded

Happy to report that we now have a board with great information for you to view any time. It is located by the ice box and soda machine on the clubhouse deck.

We have event flyers posted of Owl Harbor events and local happenings you might like to attend, the recent newsletter, the monthly tide chart, and business cards to contact local businesses.

Something new we are trying out, is a posting for people looking to crew on boats berthed here at Owl Harbor and people who are looking for crew. You can leave your name on the form on the board under each category so people can get in touch with you. There's a lot of opportunity to go out for a boat ride in the middle of the week, as well as weekends, and crew is always fun to have along. You never know what you may learn.

June is get out on the water month, so now there's no excuse!

Choosing the Right Chartplotter

To make any boating experience enjoyable, safe and problem-free, one might want to have aboard the best chartplotter on the market. With a chartplotter, boats can be guided to a new destination or back to shore, and underwater terrain can be mapped out. To distinguish the premium quality devices from the run-of-the-mill products, remember to take note of these elements.

Simplicity - Who needs an extra-expensive chartplotter that has all sorts of complicated buttons, features and specs that only make it suitable to store in a toolbox along with other boating gear? One doesn't purchase the best chartplotter just to put it in perpetual storage! The device should not only be easy to install but also simple to use. Most models offer easy readability even in bright sunlight, and even come with an auto-dimming display to reduce glare and improve visibility of details. A backlit keypad enables easy navigation and inputs.

Clear Scanning - Like many of the best fish finders on the market, top quality

chartplotters are equipped with GPS receivers of high sensitivity, ensuring clear scanning sonar out in the water. A chartplotter proves to be useful for boating and various water sports, keeping the sailor or boater safe even when riding in just a small skiff. Many chartplotters use the latest technology, such as transducers and navionics cartography, efficiently helping anglers and boaters in the water.

Effective Display - Small displays are typically designed to be self-contained. They feature built-in antennas. The display head also has other components such as sounders. As a rule of thumb, however, one needs to go with the brightest and largest screen that fits the budget and the space it will go into. Small chartplotters with small screens are ideal for small boat applications, but choosing an overly tiny screen may make it difficult to view details in the chart, necessitating the user to zoom in and out frequently just to determine the location.

You can't possibly add data boxes to include the heading, depth and other data on the screen just to view more than a single function. That is unless you plan to constantly use a magnifying glass just to view your exact location on the device.

Here are a few that got good reviews:

1. Lowrance Elite 7 price starting at \$399.88
2. Garmin GPSMap 78sc price starting at \$289.98
3. Garmin echoMap Chirp 44dv price starting at \$314.98

Have a great time searching for your favorite.



News & Noteworthy



It is summer and everyone is making plans for traveling, special occasions and family and friend gatherings. It is also the best time to enjoy being on the water and your boat.

To make sure you both are prepared, come get a price check on your West Marine and Port Supply wish list items. You might be surprised at the savings and it gets delivered directly to the marina, for free, usually within a day or two.

Or, if you are looking for something special for Father's Day, this is a candy store for the boater!

*You may have noticed, fishing is pretty good this year. With the last minute rain we received in May, just in time for the swap meet, it gave everything the last push for a successful fishing year ahead.

Black bass young are all over the dock areas that I haven't seen in quite a few years. We even had a few of our own fisherman "relocate" some large bass to our area to keep it well populated. If you need any fishing ideas or help, Javier is a great source as well as Rich, who lives on E dock.



*The Nautical Swap Meet was a success even with some rain that cut it short. Those that came to sell things, sold them, and those that came to buy things, found some great buys. We purchased 6 fishing rods and boxes with some lures for our "lending fishing area".



*Gardeners, now is the time to get those plants in the ground. We have rototilled the last time now and the ground is still managable. If you wait too long, it will be filled with weeds and the ground will be very hard. It's been fun to see everything starting to grow and you can see and get the results in the office any day of the week. Like this cauliflower we harvested - delicious. Right now is artichokes and greens.

Hope to see you in the garden!



Shots around the grounds

It's always fun walking around and seeing what's in bloom, what's hatching, or what's new. Right now is the best of everything. The weather is perfect for making your memories on or off your boat - so come out for a picnic and catch a glimpse of what we all love about Owl Harbor Marina.

