



Whoo News

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Hooray! Spring has Sprung

Ok, a little premature on the excitement, but with Daylight Savings Time on March 11th then Spring on March 20th; longer days mean time to get those boating projects done.

What to do? It's a good time to get into fixing some leaking spots, see details on page 2, or try out some of the tested products on page 3 from Boating Magazine. Whatever you do, now is a good time to get your boat into tip top shape for boating season. Warm breezes with warm water make for a beautiful day out.

Start planning your visit to the Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show, April 19-22. We will be having a booth again this year and see page 2 for special discounts from us to you.

We continue to work on projects around the marina, and one of those projects will be painting the docks throughout the next few months. We are also updating the electrical meters on a few docks so you may see multiple listings on your monthly statement, don't worry, it's all good.

In the meantime, keep in touch and see you on the water!

Devery, Max, Abby, Stephanie,
Twitchell and
Captain Jack Sparrow

What's Next and What's Coming Up...

March 1

New Gate Codes in Effect

March 11

Daylight Savings Time; spring forward

March 17

St. Patrick's Day



April 19-22

Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show (see special details on page 2 to make your plans)

May 5

Start making your plans for Owl Harbor's Annual Nautical Swap Meet



www.OwlHarbor.com



Updates.....

*New Gate Codes are now in effect; March 1. There is no need to put a # or * before or after the gate codes, just enter your new number and be on your way. Please do not give your personal code out to family and friends, we will gladly provide you with a guest code for your visitors.

*Plan your visit April 19-22, 2018 to the Pacific Sail and Power Boat Show and get your tickets at an extra discounted rate. Purchase your standard ticket by March 31 and get \$2.00 off, plus enter your special code available from Owl Harbor Marina and get an additional \$2.00 off your ticket price (must be purchased by March 31 to apply). Be sure to use your code from us: OWLHARPBS18 for savings

View more information at www.PacificBoatshow.com

Applying Caulk: It's easier than you think*

1. Reef the Seam

Remove the existing bead of caulking with a reefing tool or reefing hook, either bought or made. I have used an old-fashioned can opener or a shop-made tool created by heating the shaft of an old screwdriver and then bending it at a right angle in a vice. Fein Multi Master and Dremel also offer seam-reefing accessories.

2. Remove Residue

To ensure a good bond and seal, use a solvent to remove any residual skin of the old sealant. Lacquer thinner or mineral spirits work for most polysulfide and silicone sealants. Adhesive sealants may require specialty products: Check product labels. Wear protective gear when working with solvents and be mindful of fire hazards.

3. Mask Borders

Apply masking tape 1/8 inch to either side of the seam to be caulked. For rounded corners, "over mask" at a right angle, and then use a jar cap or other guide with a utility knife to carefully cut out the radius. Masking takes time, but using tape ensures easier cleanup

4. Cut the Tip

Too many DIY boaters cut off the caulking nozzle tip wrong. It's important to examine the tip and cut it at the point that is just a wee bit narrower than the width you need. Also, cut the tip at about 45 degrees. The actual hole should be an oval, the narrow dimension of which is just narrower than the seam or bead

5. Push, Don't Pull

In most cases, a neater result can be achieved by pushing the caulking gun while applying the caulk. Press just hard enough so that the speed at which you are pushing doesn't exceed the rate of caulk being delivered from the tip. Ideally, there should be a slight "hill" or "ball" of caulk just in front of the tip as you move it along. Practice on scrap if you're relatively new to applying caulk.

6. Tooling Time

The time to tool — that is: fix, neaten or modify — the bead of caulk you applied is the time it takes the caulk to begin to skin over and will vary by brand and type and environmental conditions. Swipe the bead with a gloved finger dipped in water to smooth the bead. Wipe fingers clean between swipes. Be sure to peel the masking tape before skin-over also.

Quick Tip: Caulking dries and cracks, and applying caulk anew should happen periodically around bilge and fuel tank hatches, ports, windows and the hull-to-deck joint.

*Boating Magazine 6/2016

A collection of some of the best marine accessories that will make boating easier and more fun from Boating Magazine 1/2018



Fuel Stabilizer: Sta-Bil 360 Marine

If you haven't treated your fuel for winter storage, you might be sorry by spring. Stale fuel can gum the injectors and cost hundreds of dollars in repairs when taken out of storage in the spring. Eagle's Sta-Bil 360 replaces the original marine formula and contains more than four times the fuel-system cleaner than regular Sta-Bil, and it's formulated to protect marine engines from corrosion. This additive prevents regular and ethanol-blended fuel from oxidizing while preventing fuel-system corrosion and gum and varnish formations in the fuel system. It also keeps fuel injectors and carburetors clean and lubricated.

Cleaner Wax: Star brite Cleaner Wax with PTEF



Go ahead, pick a nice day, pull the boat out of the garage, set Pandora to your favorite tunes, and wax away the winter to make your boat gleam this spring. Now is the time to use this, our top-performing petroleum-based polish. It is neutral beige in tone and contains UV inhibitors and PTEF, Star brite's trademark for polytetrafluoroethylene. PTEF is said to repel water and stains, and its presence in a Star brite deck wash has shown to make future deck cleanings easier. It gave an excellent gloss to the most damaged of our test panels.

MicroCor Protectant



You should be using watertight connections on your trailer wiring harness, but for added insurance, spray them with this product. It is designed to coat metal, fabric, paper, battery terminals and more with a corrosion-resistant membrane that clings tenaciously, preventing damage from corrosion and water. It can be sprayed on circuit boards, battery terminals, fuse panels and tools to keep them in new condition. Best of all, it dries into a non sticky material that won't rub off on clothes or hands.

Clear Plastic Scratch Removers: 3M Headlight Restoration System and Finesse-it II

Acrylic windscreens are light and sporty-looking but vulnerable to scratches that can impede visibility. This kit included a drill-mounting buffer pad with a Velcro surface that accepts progressively finer-grit sanding pads. A foam polish pad and a packet of polishing compound prep the surface for the final glaze. Finesse-it II by itself was exemplary at removing fine scratches in one pass. For the 600-grit scratch test, the kit was the most aggressive and effective system tested, and it got the grit scratches out. But it's the last resort before windshield replacement. Everything you need but a power drill is in the kit. The mohair foam pad was gentle and thorough in the final polish.

Super Bowl and Chili Cook Off

