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Planning Ahead.....

I'm sure many of you are thinking about Thanksgiving: What are we going to make for dinner? Where are we going? And oh my, Christmas is just around the corner. This time of year, things slow down in some businesses, but for retailers, it's full throttle to the finish. You soon will have your Black Friday specials, then the other "Black Friday Specials" and so on. I think that's why I love Thanksgiving so much; no gifts, just family and friends gathering to give thanks and feel blessed for the day. So don't rush ahead too fast, you never know when that time spent with special people will be gone.

On that note of trying not to rush ahead, I'm working on what we will be doing next year. We will be celebrating our 10 year Anniversary of being at the marina. I feel like I've been waiting for this time just to say "We have arrived"! For those that have been with us since the beginning, we not only thank you, but appreciate your memories of what it used to be like; for those of us that remember, it was a very different place back then. Hopefully in the year ahead, we will have a wonderful Anniversary celebration to remember just that; where we have been and where we have come to. Hope you, our friends, will be here to celebrate with us.

Best wishes and blessings to you and yours,

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

What's Coming Up.....

November 4

Daylight Savings Time
Move those clocks back an hour.



November 11

Veteran's Day

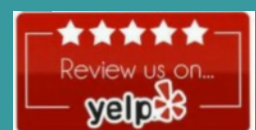
November 22/23

Happy Thanksgiving!
The office will be closed both days.



December 8

Owl Harbor Holiday Potluck
Details to follow in December Newsletter.



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It's the perfect time for fall chores.....

We have many new faces here at the marina and a few new to boating, so I felt it would be a great time to remind everyone, new and old, of the maintenance needed when having a boat in the Delta.

1. Sailboats, please secure your halyards. They may not be "clanking" when you are here, but being a considerate neighbor to those that call Owl Harbor home, is the thing to do. We currently carry bungee straps in the office that are available to purchase, or feel free to bring your own.
2. How are your dock lines? They do wear out and need to be replaced. We have them in the office and can also get them for you through our Port Supply/West Marina account at a discounted price for specific lines you would like, just ask us. Please note, you must have a minimum of 4 lines on the vessel for safety. Think of them as tires for your car; you wouldn't go into winter with balding tires now would you?
3. Check your shore power cord. The docks move, and therefore may loosen your cord allowing for minimal contact. Please be sure your cord is plugged in and twist locked. Any sign of burn on the prongs or cord, we will be asking you to replace it. Be sure your cord is not in the water; electrolysis is deadly. Secure your connection on the vessel also. Remember, boats move.
4. Do you have a bilge pump? Like a lot of safety features, you only need them when you need them. If they don't work, well, that's not good. Check it out and make sure it's ready to go when you need it.
5. Batteries and Generators are a good thing to have when you need power. Like for running that bilge pump. We have power outages occasionally and being prepared is a good idea.
6. Window and roof repairs are better found out now than once the weather shifts to rain. 99% of the time the water coming in the boat is not coming from where you think it is. Water travels, so finding that leak may need two people to work on it; one hosing down the boat, the other inside searching for water. It's more difficult to find a leak and fix it while it's raining. Better to do it while it's sunny and warm.
7. Clean out all drains, scuppers and exits for water drainage. We walk the docks and fingers checking boats for potential standing water, but it doesn't take long to have the balance shift on a boat to go down. If you haven't visited your boat in a bit, I suggest bringing a power washer and blowing out all drains to prevent a sad ending.
8. And, for a final chore, tie down all items outside the boat. Filled dock boxes have been known to fall into the waters, and seldom are the items recovered. Chairs, canvas, flags, and anything else outside the boat will take a winters beating. This means there should not be any mats, or items, on the dock fingers at any time.

If you would like to get any prices on items from Port Supply or West Marine, please don't hesitate to ask us. There is no obligation for us to look items up, we just want to save you time and hopefully money..

Thank you for reading these tips for a better Fall and Winter boat ownership experience.

Halloween Fun with Friends and Pumpkins

