



January 2021

Whoo News

January always makes me think that the boating season is just around the corner. On days like today, the weather here is in the 70's and the sky is blue, so how can you think otherwise.

In preparation for the season to begin, be sure to get the following up and ready to be on the water.

1. If you have an outboard motor, review the lines for cracking and wear. Lines include both fuel and electrical, don't wait until the busy Spring season to get that annual tune-up as mechanics will have less availability.

2. Inboards are a little easier in the off-season. Change the oil, spark plugs and other basic tune-up items. Be sure to check your stern drive housing for any obstructions like plant life or solid structures that may have gotten stuck during the winter months.

3. Now is a good time to check your canvas, halyards, mooring lines, fenders and the possible loose items on the boat. Clear scuppers and be sure you are ready for the potential storms coming.

4. One of the best things you can do to add to your engine especially if you don't run it that often is to add fuel stabilizer. This will help to lessen gum accumulation and water build up. Gum build up can clog jets and injectors. Water in your fuel from condensation without a stabilizer will corrode and cause damages well beyond the minimal efforts of adding the stabilizer.

Hope this information gets you moving to a great year ahead.



Oh thank goodness.....

We hope 2021 brings a breath of fresh air to relieve the stresses of 2020 and provide you with peace of mind knowing we have 365 days (or about) to do things differently. Personally I have read so many letters from businesses with reflection on last year, I just assume we all know it was not great and try and move on. Need I say more.

We are focusing on this year (COVID or not) on what we are doing to make life better for everyone here, tenant or guest, what we plan to do to enhance your stay with us. Read on and we will all get through this.

Our best to you,
Devery, Max, and Captain Jack Sparrow

Current Events and Updates

February 7th , Super Bowl 55



February 14th, Valentine's Day



March 1st, Gate Codes Change



May 1, Owl Harbor Annual Nautical Swap Meet

Here's planning ahead for a great day!

Updates: News, Alerts and Reminders

- * We do require masks at the marina while on the main deck, office area, and restrooms. If on a dock please wear your mask if others are present. Lets keep safe!
- * We are ready to secure your garden spot for the 2021 growing season. Please contact Devery to be added to the list for a spot. Space is limited, so please let us know.
- * Chickens are laying again, although a little slowly, but we have new chicks coming so they should be adding to production by mid summer season. Eggs are available in the office with limited supply (no big omelettes yet).
- * Gate codes will be changed March 1st for those that keep their boats at the marina all year. Please be compliant in the policy to keep your code to yourself and in keeping Owl Harbor safe for you and your boat. We are happy to provide a guest code to vendors, visitors and guests. You will be emailed a code at the same time your March statement is sent out on February 12th. Please make note of this code effective March 1.
- * The fitness room we have is starting to get a real work out - which is a good thing. Please do not add items of personal use without approval from the marina. All items, equipment, and additional product that has not been approved will be removed by February 1. Please take all personal items back to your home for storage.

Please review your garbage and recycling practices. Each dock has a tote for each type of waste and we need you to do your part in making sure the carts are available for everyone on your dock. No waste should be emptied without a securely closed/sealed bag; garbage and recycle. ALL boxes need to be broken down and placed in recycle cart; not used for trash and placed in garbage cart. This is a community, we require everyone to follow the protocol in this matter for the OHM crew as well as the law according to Waste Management and Cal Waste. If you don't understand the rule, please ask, we are here to help.

We are happy to provide complimentary Wi-Fi to the marina tenants and guests. There are times, unfortunately, when it does not work, or work well. We do our best to get you up and running as quickly as possible, but at times it takes longer than anticipated. Today there are many individual packages and plans that allow you to have a "hotspot" just for you with your existing service provider or in an adaptive unit to get you Internet. Here are some suggestions with different perks, prices and plans to get you started in having what you need.

Visible.com,
GlocalMe G4 Pro 4G LTE Mobile Hotspot
Wave
WiFi-In-A-Box
Skyroam
Ellipsis Jetpack 4G LTE
NETGEAR Nighthawk M1
Moxee 4G No-Contract Mobile Hotspot

The policies we have at Owl Harbor are for everyone's safety and to provide a nice, clean, safe, environment for everyone to enjoy. I believe it is what has made Owl Harbor special to so many, and why you are here. For the marina to run the way it does everyone needs to follow the rules, old and new clients both. We know you have choices, and we are glad you have chosen this marina and this lifestyle to be a part of.

So nice to hear.....

Today is a day of sharing good thoughts and stories. One of our friends lives on board her boat during the week, Tammy, and has a home in Reno. She just stopped by to say she was up in Reno with her Owl Harbor sweatshirt on coming out of a Pottery Barn and another woman asked "Does that say Owl Harbor", she said "yes it does". The woman said her father lived at the marina for many years, and Tammy, our tenant, said she lives here too. When Tammy relayed the story to me, I instantly knew who the woman was; daughter of our long time friend Don O. What a nice thought to think of our friends who have passed but still hold a deep spot in our hearts. Just a little FYI, the restroom down by F dock is affectionately named "Don O's Bath".



It's always nice to hear from our tenants and friends about what great people are here. I got this email this morning from Rich and what a great way for me to start my day. Thank you to the tenant that helped out your fellow boater, you are a real asset, we appreciate you being a part of this special community.

Subject: A thank you to good neighbors at Owl Harbor

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- > I know you discourage tenants from boarding other tenants' boats, but in this particular circumstance I want to give a shout out to whomever did us a solid today. Winds were forecasted to be pretty extreme from the North for the next day or two, upwards of 40 knots. Jeni and I both were slightly suspect to the integrity of the new canvas boat awning but "threw caution to the wind" nonetheless. I went to work, and Jeni back to the apartment for interior upholstery work this morning.
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- > When I got home this evening it was blowing in the 30's, and the boat tarp was neatly folded in the cockpit well with my Rubbermaid tub full of tools sitting on top to weigh it down. The boom was swinging a bit and I called Jeni to ask why she didn't secure it after taking down the tarp? She said it wasn't her that took it down.
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- > In retrospect, I've determined that it was operator error on our (my) part for not cleating off the mainsheet and pulling the boom down tight to the gallows to keep it from swinging, and as a result, flogging in the wind most likely popped loose the snaps on the canvas cover. I'm not sure who came aboard our vessel to gather up and make safe our canvas work after unclipping multiple tethers in blistering winds, but if you happen to find out, please give them our thanks.
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- > It's a fine line with respect to privacy that one neighbor board another's vessel to help out, but under extreme conditions such as this when the owner isn't around, I would hope that I can repay the favor as well without violating ones' personal space.
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- > Thanks again for making Owl Harbor a great place to live and play.
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- > -Rich & Jeni VanDusen
- > S/V Ramble On

