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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday:
8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

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October/November/December 2020

From the BRIDGE

2020 certainly has been, and continues to be an interesting year. Step back into March and we didn't know if we would even have a boating season with all the uncertainty. Then, boatyards and Marinas were classified by the state to be essential businesses, and we were keeping our heads above water. Social distancing was put into effect and people thought, what better way to social distance than to take your boat out in a body of water? May and June came along and people were spending their money on activities that would separate them from the masses. The public wanted OUT of their houses. Boats and RV sales took off in record numbers. Manufacturers and distributors could not keep up with demand from the dealers. New boats disappeared from dealer's showrooms and lots, thus driving up the costs of used boats. If you didn't own a boat by the end of August, you probably weren't going to have one for 2020. This spending has carried over to RVs, ATVs, motorcycles, bicycles, cars and trucks, campers, and even home sales are brisk.

So this has been the story of the "positive side" of this pandemic. I'm not insinuating for a moment that the foregoing paragraph is supposed to make us feel better about the illness and deaths this flu has caused ... I'm just stating a socio-economic cause and effect of a worldwide health tragedy.

Suffice to say, the Marina started off slow in the season and rapidly rebounded with good leases of slips. Our restaurants have enjoyed a very busy season working within the boundaries of social distancing. The FSYC under the capable and energetic leadership of Commodore Glenda Crawford, has had great attendance in all their functions.

In closing, we thank all of you for making Four Seasons your Marina of choice for 2020, and hope to see all of you next spring.



Mark and Adam

Important Reminder

Dock Water: Will be shut off and winterized in November. We will leave it on as long as possible and the date will depend on the overnight temperatures. Keep in mind, the dock water lines flow right under the docks and as such are not protected from the outside temps. We can't take chances on pipes bursting on a freeze-thaw cycle. The winter water system on C & D docks (out to about 200'), is a recirculating system that is left on all winter for liveaboards.

Pump-out facility: Will also be shut down and winterized in November depending on overnight temperatures. The take away here is don't wait until the last minute to empty your holding tank.

Water service to the headboat will remain on all winter for the restrooms, showers, and laundry.



Fuel Dock

Our Four Seasons Fuel Dock will be open limited hours in October and November. These hours will be posted outside the Fuel Dock and by the door to the Marina Office. In times of inclement weather, it's a good idea to call the Office or the Fuel Dock prior to making the trip (to be sure they're open).

It's a good idea to get your tanks about 95% full before having your boat winterized. Leaving about 5% air space in your tanks allows for expansion and contraction during the wide temperature variations that's possible over the winter season. Keeping them almost full keeps condensation from forming in your tanks as well. Also use a high quality fuel stabilizer to treat your fuel during times of storage. Our ethanol-free BP gas does a great job of protecting your engines during both the summer and off-season.

Boat Show 2021

The Cincinnati Travel, Sports and Boat Show will be held at the Duke Energy Convention Center on Jan. 15-24, 2021. Hopefully, Covid-19 social distancing restrictions will be relaxed by then and we can have an enjoyable show.

This show, now in its 64th year of production, will display boats, campers, RVs, ATVs, motorcycles, adventure sports, and vacation booths from around America. It's an outdoor enthusiast's shopping opportunity all under one roof.

Four Seasons Marina will have booth #200 for the entire show. If you attend the show, be sure to stop by and say hello. Hope to see you there!

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Winter Preparations

If you are leaving your boat in the harbor this winter:

Please make sure you have submitted your winter contract with 50% deposit. Your boat must be winterized. Unless you are certain you know what you're doing, please have this performed by a Marine mechanic. Plan on checking on your boat periodically over the winter months. If you're out of town, designate a person to check on it for you. For those of you who occasionally stay overnight on your boats over the winter and spring months, please follow the Ohio River forecasts closely. They are online and are posted outside the Marina office daily. The river can rise very quickly from rain and snow melt, so it's always best to park on the upper lot overnight. The restrooms, showers, and laundry are open 24/7 all year.

If you are pulling your boat at the end of the season:

Please take all your belongings (chairs, tables, hoses, umbrellas, etc.) off the dock. If you are planning on returning next season it is OK to leave your dock box and dock wheels on the dock. ALL other items should be taken back home with you. Four Seasons is not responsible for items left on the docks. Please remember you must vacate your slip prior to Dec. 1. Hopefully, we will see you back next spring!

Sea Ray of Cincinnati News

Boat sales have been at record levels in 2020 since we reopened in late April. There is a shortage of inventory in the dealer network for all



brands. This is due to a loss of production for approximately 8 weeks, and the spike and increased demand this summer. Customers are securing their new boats for next spring by ordering their boats now. Lead times on popular models extend well into next year. Let us help you with buying or selling your boat. Our service and parts pros are a great resource for your boating needs.

Please stop by our dealership at the top of the hill and see everything we have to offer. A Yeti cooler is always a great gift for your boating friends. Bring in this article and receive 10% off any Yeti purchase.

See you on the water,

Ed Alf III

President

Sea Ray of Cincinnati

Job Openings

We have several job openings in the Marina. For 2021, we are searching for a motivated and personable candidate to head up operations at our Fuel Dock. For 25 years Jerry O'Brien did a fantastic job, but with Covid this season, he decided to call it quits. Jerry came to us as a retired draftsman from Nutone. As such, he was able to open the Fuel Dock in late April each year and continue it up until late November. College kids can't start that early and must leave right after Labor Day.

This is why we're looking for a retired person for this unique position. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them contact us at the Office.

The other position is full-time, with medical, dental, and 401-K. We have an immediate opening for a Service Tech position. Jeff Schalk has decided to work for Washington Marine and we wish him the very best. Jeff started with us as a Dock Attendant in 2002. He became our Groundskeeper in 2006, and in 2012 he advanced himself into becoming a Service Technician for us. Over the years, Jeff has learned all facets of maintenance in a very demanding job at the Marina. We sincerely thank him for all he has done for us over the years. To be a Service Tech here requires a good working knowledge of electrical, plumbing, and carpentry. Welding skills are a definite plus. You will be working in the heat of summer and the cold of winter. For overtime calls, it helps immensely to live close to the Marina. The full job description is on Towne Properties' website, where qualified candidates can apply.



Winter and Summer Moorage Contracts

If you wish to keep your boat in the Marina for the winter season, call or stop by the Office and we will set you up with a contract.

Winter contract season starts Dec. 1 and continues through April 30. The moorage rate is \$29/ft. We do not charge dock minimums in the winter. Pricing is based on your boat's actual length. There are 50-100 boats in the harbor each winter. We are staffed seven days a week over the winter months, doing maintenance projects and keeping watchful eyes on the boats.

Summer contracts for 2021 will be mailed out the first week in December. The contracts are due back Jan. 1, 2021 with a \$500 deposit. The balance of your contract is due by May 1, 2021. If you have any questions regarding your moorage fees, please call Mark or Adam in the Office.



DON'T SET SAIL YET!

THANK YOU
TO ALL THE CUSTOMERS, BOATERS, AND MARINA FROM ALL OF US AT PIRATES COVE AND THE FOUR SEASON MARINA FOR A SUCCESSFUL 27TH YEARS. WE WILL SEE YOU FOR MANY MORE YEARS TO COME.
~RICK & SARAH.

COME JOIN THE FUN BEFORE OUR 27TH SEASON IS OVER.

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