

OAK HARBOR MARINA NEWSLETTER

February 1, 2008

Maui gate closure. Beginning Monday February 4 the Navy will close the security gate in order to rebuild it. The traffic that normally enters the seaplane base will be required to turn right onto Catalina Drive and then make a left turn through the gate across from the Yacht Club. The Maui gate is set for re-opening by mid-April.

Dangerous overhang. No vessel moored at the marina should have a bow sprit overhanging the walkway. If somebody would get injured this could be a cause of action. The marina staff has contacted vessel owners, repositioned and retied vessels to avoid these problems, but later we have found some vessels back in the original position. Please make sure that your vessel is safely tied up.

Office personnel. Following Beni's retirement, we have hired a temporary part-time employee, **Wilma Determan**, to staff the office. Wilma and her husband arrived in Oak Harbor more than 13 years ago and were live aboards for awhile. At that time, Wilma volunteered at the marina. She has a good background, but didn't apply for the full-time position because she wants to keep her summer months free for cruising. Meanwhile, we have received a large number of applications for the customer service position.

Operations. The marina has been blessed to find a live aboard, **Kenneth Chard**, who has volunteered a significant amount of time helping us on the docks. Ken is a retired merchant seaman who arrived here last August. When you see Ken, please thank him for his help keeping the marina safer and cleaner.

Winter Schedule. The marina office and fuel dock won't be open for business on Monday February 18 President's Day. Call 911 for any emergencies and the harbormaster at 360.914.7479 for business.

Marina Redevelopment Permits. On January 2 the City Council approved the Shoreline Permit and on January 25 the State Department of Fish and Wildlife approved the Hydraulic Permit.

Recycling Options. The marina staff met with Mr. Jerry Mingo, Island County Recycle and Hazardous Waste Coordinator to explore new options for recycling waste materials generated by our pleasure boat customers.

Conditional Moorage customers. By mid-February we will be mailing letters to you advising you of the dates that you will be required to leave the marina in order to accommodate visiting Yacht Clubs.

Mack Funk, Harbormaster