

OAK HARBOR MARINA NEWSLETTER

June 1, 2008

Swap Meet. On **Sunday June 8 (note date change)** the Power Squadron is organizing a swap meet of boats and related gear. The time is from 10am to 3pm with setup prior to that. There is no established charge to participate; donations are encouraged. If you want space along the fence line please contact Jim Dobbins at 360.279.0131 or jrdoobbins@comcast.net

2008 Boating Fair June 7 and 8.

Saturday June 7	Oak Harbor Yacht Club Seminars	Tent Seminars	Marina Dock Demonstrations
10AM	DSC Radio	Homeland Security	
11AM	Marina Rules	4 basic knots	
12PM	Chart Reading	Boater education card requirements	Using the dock ladders
1 PM	Local Knowledge	Boat First Aid	Using your fire extinguisher
2 PM	Lights and Sounds	CPR	Line tossing with accuracy
3 PM	Clean and Green Boating	4 basic knots	Flare shoot practice
4 PM	Tides and Currents		
Sunday June 8	Marina Parking Lot		Marina Dock Demonstrations
10 AM	Marine Swap Meet		Vessel Safety Inspections all Day
12 PM	Marine Swap Meet		Flare Shoot practice
1 PM	Marine Swap Meet		Line tossing with Accuracy
2 PM	Marine Swap Meet		
3 PM	Marine Swap Meet		

Boating Fair (Continued)

- Kid's games
- Show of Island County Sheriff's Boat
- Beach Watchers Exhibit
- Nautical Art Exhibits
- Leather Craft Exhibit

The Fair is free; boaters should spend some time to support this event.

Fuel prices. The price of gas is now \$4.49 per gallon and diesel is \$4.91. When will the market turn around?

Boat Washing. Please think about the best way to clean your boat. That means preserving the environment as well as your boat. Even better than non-phosphate soaps is a friendlier cleaner such as hydrogen peroxide. Or have you tried a brush with saltwater followed with a freshwater rinse? Also, the marina no longer allows any soap for washing in our parking lot. If you think you need to use soap, try the car wash in town where they have proper recycling facilities.

Race Week slips. Whidbey Island Race Week is less than 2 months away. The dates this year are July 21 through 25. **It will be great.** If you are a permanent moorage customer you can help us make it even better:

1. Tell the office if you plan to be gone that week so we can rent your slip to a visitor.
2. Tell the office if you are in an uncovered slip, but are willing to temporarily move to a covered slip to make room for a sailboat.

Conditional moorage update. We had one yacht club visit on May 13, but none on Memorial Weekend. One club cancelled its plans to come on June 13. The next group we are expecting is June 20, but that won't require you to leave. We are expecting two groups for the long **Fourth of July weekend** and so we are reminding you: Plan to leave by noon on July 3 and you can return afternoon on July 6 for **Race Week** please plan to leave by noon on July 18 and you may return on July 26.

Operations Personnel. Jack Casey has been hired to work two days per week on dock cleanup and fueling operations. Jack is a boat owner and member of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club.

Boat hoist update. We now have a final design for the steel beam to replace the rotten wooden beam. It appears that the cost of the repair will be less than \$10,000 and it should be finished before Race Week. **The hoist is available on a limited basis.** The hoist will only be operated by marina staff. More importantly, the bottom depth is about -3 (on the east side of the walkway) so for sailboats the tide level needs to be greater than +4 or for power boats greater than +1. Please contact the marina to schedule an appointment to launch or haul-out your boat.

Youth sailing lessons. There are 3 separate sessions for Youth sailing:

- 1) Three consecutive weekends beginning May 31
- 2) Six consecutive days beginning June 23
- 3) Three weekends beginning July 12

The cost for the program will be \$75 plus \$12 for the US Sailing book. For more information contact Byron Skubi at 675-8696.