

OAK HARBOR MARINA NEWSLETTER

March 1, 2008

Assistant Harbormaster. Effective today, **Phil Whitlock** has been promoted to this position of increased responsibility. Phil graduated from Oak Harbor High School, and his work experience includes eight years for Mariner's Haven boatyard. He grew up in the restaurant business and is very familiar with all aspects of top quality customer service. Phil has served at the marina since October of 2006. With his private sector background, I fully expect that he will serve both the city and the marina very well.

Office assistant. As we reported last month, we have received a large number of applications for the customer service position. We hope to have a new person hired in March.

Operations personnel. We hope to soon hire two or more temporary employees to assist with dock cleanup and fueling operations. Then we will try to hire regular part-time employees. These staff additions should result in better service, especially as we start into the busy boating season.

Maui gate closure. The Maui gate is still set for re-opening by mid-April.

Spring Schedule. The marina will now be open seven days a week 8 to 5.

Marina Redevelopment Permits. On February 15 the State Department of Ecology approved the Water Quality Certification permit.

Storm water drains. On February 19 Maribeth Crandell, City of Oak Harbor Environmental Educator, led a group of scouts that painted labels cautioning against dumping to the marina storm drains.

Fuel prices. We had a fuel delivery on February 7 and the new prices are gas \$3.27 per gallon and diesel \$3.33 per gallon. (Nickel off for 100 gals)

Baby salmon raising pen. For the next few months the marina will be raising salmon smolts, prior to their release. If you, your children, or your grandchildren would like to feed the fish please contact the marina office. We only feed them once a day and it only takes about 10 minutes.

Wildlife control contract. The City council approved a contract with the US Dept. of Agriculture to help improve the health and safety at the marina.

Sailing lessons. Adult sailing is scheduled for six consecutive Tuesday nights beginning April 22. There are 3 separate sessions for Youth sailing: Three consecutive weekends beginning May 31, six consecutive days beginning June 23, or three weekends beginning July 12. The cost for the program will be \$75 for youth and \$125 for adults plus \$12 for the US Sailing book. For more information contact Byron Skubi at 675-8696.

Mack Funk, Harbormaster