

Northwest Marine Yacht Basin Newsletter through June 1, 2017



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Dear Members and Tenants:

2017 Lake Charlevoix boating season has begun! The entire team has been working around-the-clock to get our marina ready for another summer of FUN. As you take your first walks around the property, we hope you enjoy all of the hard work and “spring cleaning” we have done. All of our amenities are open for the season! Four members of the staff, Katie, Kyle, Lilly, and Mark are returning for summer 2017, so rest assured that we are sailing a smooth course. Keep an eye on the website for a NEW html5 software for easier viewing on iPad/phones. Also, a NEW directory, NEW Facebook page, and other updates are in the works. App anyone?

We are ready to assist you on channels 09 and 16.

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FULL MARINA. This year, we have leased A LOT of slips. With less than 5% of our slips available for transient, it is important to work with our crew, and be as flexible as possible on any slip rentals you require throughout the season. Some owners have rented a second slip for holiday weekends, and that is going to be a challenge with so many slips rented for the season. If you are not planning to use your slip for an extended amount of time, Please submit all float plans to your Dock Master.

NEW DOCKS. Take a walk out on the outer sea wall on the south side, the new docks look GREAT and we are excited to watch them surface the entire marina in the coming years. Also, our crew has begun working around the outside of the marina, checking for loose wires, signs, boards, etc. that make the marina look less appealing from the outside. Even though we have new docks planned, please do a careful check of your boards, ladders, added sidewalls, etc and let the crew know if you need any adjustments or repairs. We kindly ask that you ensure no ladders or added sidewalls extend into the water.

POOL AREA. Be sure to give a compliment to the staff members for the hard work they did scrubbing and stripping the pool deck. We also drained the swimming pool this year to do a thorough cleaning and re-painting of the underwater surfaces. Our foot shower and drinking fountain is also back to working great again!

DOCK WATER SPIGOTS. We have added backflow preventers throughout the marina, making sure none are missing. If you notice your dock is still missing a backflow preventer, or if you are having any other issues with your Water or Electric pedestal, please send an email or let our staff know! This is a requirement from the city and we appreciate you leaving them attached to the spigots. Thanks you!

FIRE PITS. No more splinters, all of the wood furniture around the fire pits has been cleaned and sanded for a splinter free summer! New fire pits make the whole area look great. Stop on over for some S'mores!

SPRING FLING. Our annual kickoff event, Spring Fling, was a hit! A HUGE THANK YOU to Sandie Walkington and Beth Uehlein for hosting a great night of food, drinks, and good laughs. Our goal is to offer more "happy hour" type events for our owners and tenants. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for notice of these social events. If you have any ideas or suggestions, send us an email or talk to your new dock master!

APPERAL AND ACCESSORIES. Our clothing and NWMYC items should be in stock and on display by early June. Stop in and take a look at what's new for your collection. Jackets and shirts will be new styles and modern designs. Grab a Northwest Marine License plate frame to show off our club wherever you are!

DOCK BOXES, LADDERS, EXTENDED, SIDEWALLS. Does your dock need an update? We have you covered. Our new handyman has been doing a great job installing new dock boxes and ladders this spring. He can also help you with trimming your extended walls or ladders, so they are not extending into the water. We can take care of removing any old ladders or additions, to help keep the marina looking clean and fresh! Please, Let the staff know if you would like any work done around your slip.

PARKING. With warm weather, comes a full parking lot. Please, as we begin the 2017 season, remember to refrain from parking on Foster Boat Works property. Trailers are NOT permitted in the parking lot overnight. We also ask everyone to be careful about parking on the grass lawn, and never block the roadway leading into the rd, or the Foster Boat Works parking lot. The city easement in the middle of our parking lot/end of Eaton rd also should be left open to the water.

FRESH PAINT. Watch your step, the crew has been hard at work touching up paint around the clubhouse, picnic area, and signage. Corners and doors are looking great! If you notice any areas around the property that could use a fresh coat, please let us know!

THE SOUND OF... SILENCE? With safety being our biggest concern, the staff has been directed to call your emergency contact if an alarm is sounding on your vessel. If you do not have your service yard listed as an emergency contact in the directory, please send a note to harbormaster@nwmvc.com so we can update for you. SAILORS, please secure all halyards away from the mast. When we board your vessel to quiet your boat, we might not know right where you want that line to go, so better do it yourself. We will NOT remove sail covers to move halyards. We WILL bungee cord the halyards off the mast as best we can in the event you are not onboard. Please do not leave this up to your dockhands.

DOCK BOX SALE

Northwest Marine will be hosting a DOCK BOCK SALE Sat. June 17th from 12:00-2:00pm. Directly following the Annual meeting, come on down and buy or sell anything you might need for your boat. Located at the base of the tower on the south end of our parking lot, owners and tenants (or anyone local!) are invited to bring any marine related items for a "Garage Sale" style event. Bring your cash! In Prior years, there have been great sales and opportunities! Sellers, bring your own tables or ground covers and drop items off all morning long. Buyers and Sellers, please pick up your items by the end of the day, Saturday.

A Year of Changes at Northwest

Letter presented by Bob Uehlein

Two thousand and seventeen is turning out to be a year of major changes at Northwest. Eric Kammerman retired as of March 31st after serving as our harbormaster for 32 years. Eric was the face of the marina and the reason that Northwest is a port we are proud to call home. We are grateful to him and wish him many happy years of retirement.

Our new harbormaster, Elliott Falls, started April 1st. Many of you are familiar with Elliott, since his parents have had a condo at Fosters and a boat at Northwest for many years. He has literally grown up in the marina. He has experience working at a marina, as a partner in a boat restoration business, and is currently a broker for Jefferson Beach Yacht Sales. Elliott describes his new position as Northwest's harbormaster as his "dream job." We are no longer contracting with a management company to operate the marina. Elliott and all of the dock hands are employees of Northwest. With this arrangement, the Board will be more involved in the operation of the marina.

Dan Fair has decided to not seek re-election to the Northwest Board of Directors. He has been on the board for 18 years and has been President for the last 12. Since Dan and Becky have decided not to purchase another boat, he felt that it was time for him to retire from the Board. During his time on the Board and as President there have been several major accomplishments, including building up our reserve fund and developing a long-range capital improvement plan. The healthy financial position of the association is due in large part to the ideas he presented to the Board and Association members. A hearty thank you to Dan for his hard work and dedication to Northwest from all of us is well deserved.

In addition to the director position Dan is vacating, there are two more director positions up for re-election at this year's Annual Meeting, June 17. Mark Pirie and Bruce Rohrer currently hold those positions and have indicated that they were interested in continuing on with the Board. Any members who are interested in seeking election to the Board are encouraged to send Elliott a short description of their background and their vision for the marina and anything else that they feel is pertinent to be included in a newsletter to the members prior to the Annual Meeting. As dictated by our bylaws, board nominations, an opportunity for nominees to address the members, discussion, and an election will be included at the Annual Meeting.

Bob Uehlein
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