

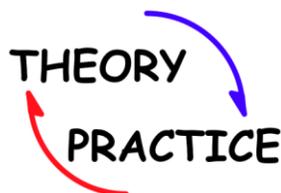
Oak Harbor Marina

February 1, 2016

Practice & More Practice

For many of you this is the time of year when you add extra lines to your boat, make sure everything is secure and walk away until warmer days.

Rather than do this, why not take advantage of the clear, cool and crisp days? This is actually a great time to increase your skill and confidence level by practicing with your boat.



Practice Makes Progress, Not Perfect!

There are many things that you can do within the confines of the marina to increase your skill and confidence level. Here are just a few ideas:

- Docking on F dock
- Man overboard with floats and fenders.
- Coming into the fuel dock.
- Spinning your boat in the fairway between E and F docks.
- Backing up.

Boating is supposed to be fun, however if you get into a stressful situation, it is no longer fun and can lead to accidents.

Why not spend a few hours a month in the winter becoming a better and more confident captain?

Hoist Update

We hope to have a structural survey completed soon. Once we get the survey report we will know the extent of the damage and will be able to determine the next step.

Safety Ladders

The marina currently has two types of safety ladders. One style is the traditional sliding aluminum ladder and the other is called “Up and Out.” The ladders are positioned in strategic locations throughout the marina with the hope that if you were to fall in, you would be able to easily swim to one.

The traditional aluminum ladders work by lifting up on the ladder piece and sliding it down until it catches and locks in position. These ladders have a steel cord attached to them so if you drop the extension piece it can be easily retrieved.



The “Up and Out” style ladders rungs are simply stacked in place and held up with a metal keeper. To deploy the rungs, firmly grab the rungs and pull down.

Besides the safety ladders, two other options are to swim to shore or find a boat with swim ladder on its swim platform.

If you find yourself in a situation where you have fallen in and cannot get out the key is to make a lot of noise. Eventually someone will hear you and come to your assistance.

Bicycle Riding on Docks

As of late we have noticed a number of people riding bikes down the pier and on the docks. Just as a reminder, bicycle riding is not permitted on the pier and docks.

Harbormasters Office

The marina staff has started to “spruce” up the Harbormasters office.

The marina staff is busy replacing the carpet and doing some touch up painting in the office. Our goal is to have all of this completed by the end of February.

While the work is going on staff will try to minimize any inconvenience that may be caused, however, there may be times when it will be a challenge to get into the office.

Quiz

The "carrick bend" is used to _____:

1. add strength to a weak spot in a line
2. join two hawsers
3. be a stopper to transfer a line under strain
4. join lines of different sizes

The answer to last month's quiz: A common occurrence when a vessel is running into shallow water is that___: The answer is #3, "squat" will cause a decrease in bottom clearance and an increase in draft."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 1st: Marina Advisory Committee Meeting - Cancelled.

February 14th: Valentine's Day, Don't forget to do something nice for your sweetie!

February 15th: Presidents Day Holiday, The marina office and fuel dock will be closed.

March 7th: Marina Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00pm @ City Hall.

Reserved Parking Spot

The winner of this month's parking space drawing is Dick Toft. Mr. Toft will get the use of the parking space until March 1st. If you would like to enter the drawing please come by the office and fill out a registration slip.

The names of people not drawn will be left in the drawing box for next month.

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CURRENT FUEL PRICES

(As of January 31, 2016)

Diesel - \$1.57

Gas - \$2.62 (mid grade ethanol free)

Receive a 5 cent per gallon discount for over 100 gallons

*“Do or do not. There is no try.”
- Yoda*