

## Winter Electrical Bills

It is the time of year when you can expect higher electrical bills. Electric heaters use an enormous amount of electricity even when they are set at low temperatures.



*West Marine Cabin Heater*

A typical cabin heater like this one draws 5 – 13 amps depending upon the setting. This heater could easily add an additional \$20 - \$40 onto your monthly power bill.

When you receive your bill if it seems higher than normal, chances are it is due to increased electrical usage. If you have any questions about your bill please come by the office, we will be happy to review it with you.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**December 7th:** Marina Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00pm @ City Hall

**December 25th:** Christmas Holiday, The office and fuel dock will be closed.

**January 1st:** New Year Holiday, The office and fuel dock will be closed.

**January 4<sup>th</sup>:** Marina Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00pm @ City Hall.

**January 18th:** Martin Luther King Day, The office and fuel dock will be closed.

## Cold Stormy Weather

The marina staff has begun to install short lengths of hose to hose bibs at random throughout the marina. If a freeze is expected, these will be left dripping to keep the pipes from freezing. Please don't turn them off.

In advance of snow, we ask that you clean up the area around your boat and the dock fingers. It is uncanny how the snow blower finds dock lines, hoses and other items laying around a dock or on a finger.

As usual when it snows we will do our best to keep the main walkway clear.

We have also placed buckets of "ice melt" around the marina for your use. If you notice that one of the buckets is empty, please let us know.

## High Winds

We recently had a windstorm come through the area. The highest wind gust recorded was 53mph.

As a preventative measure, we ask that sometime in the very near future you check to ensure that there are not any loose items on your decks that may blow off.

For those of you with sailboats please check to make sure that your sails, stays and halyards are secure. It may also be a good idea to remove any sails that you will not be using between now and the spring.

When there is a windstorm we will walk the docks to check boats and retrieve windblown items from the water. If we run across something that we cannot fix or handle, we will contact the owner of the boat.

## Reserved Parking Spot

The winner of this month's parking space drawing is Lee Eygabroad. Mr. Eygabroad will get the use of the parking space until January 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.

## CURRENT FUEL PRICES

(As of November 30, 2015)

Diesel - \$2.04

Gas - \$2.90 (mid-grade, no ethanol)

Receive a 5 cent per gallon discount for over 100 gallons

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## Pets

It seems like over the past few months we have had a lot more pets visiting and living at the marina. For the most part these pets have been great to have around and are fun to watch. However, there have been a few pets that have not been cleaned up after or that have been allowed to roam free.

We would like to remind all of our marina tenants that all pets (dogs, cats, iguanas, and etc.), must be on a leash at all times. There are also many "poop" bag dispensers around the marina for you to use.

If you notice a dispenser that is out of bags please let us know so that we can fill it up.

## Quiz

Eight Points of a compass are equal to how many degrees?:

1. 45
2. 90
3. 180
4. 360

*The answer to last month's quiz:* You are heading out to sea in a buoyed channel and see a quick-flashing green light on a buoy ahead of you. In U.S. waters, you should leave the buoy \_\_\_\_\_: is #4, to starboard

"The sail, the play of its pulse so like our own lives: so thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective."

- Henry David Thoreau

