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MARINA USERS MEETING

9/19/2012

Attendees:

Don Mann - Port Manager
Pat Albaugh - Port of Newport Financial Director
Walter Chuck - Port Commissioner
Joanne Barton - Port Commissioner
Chris Urbach - Harbormaster - South Beach Marina
Keith Strasburg - South Beach Maintenance & Moorage holder
Gina Nielsen - South Beach Marina/RV Office Manager
Penny Gabrielson - SB Marina Port Employee
Barb Martin - Port Employee
Dan Martin - H-6
Steve Myrick - B-55
Nancy Myrick - B-55
Barry Compton - C-52
Emma Compton - C-52
Rhomy Thompson - A-52
Bob Reynolds
Bill Blakeslee - D-16
Bob Hundley - D-52
Lanny Crocker - A-36
Roger Close - C-45
Ray Anessi - Moorage Holder E-48 + E-50
Glen Hart - D-15
Gerald Black - D-02
Wanda Black - D-02
Bill Slate - D-72
Michael Logan - H-01
Michael Wilkinson - Newport Belle
Vern Bartley - B-74

Meeting began at 8:30am.

Introduction by Don Mann - Port Manager. He thanked everyone for attending. He wanted everyone to be notified that the new draft of our Code Book (no longer called the Ordinance) should be out shortly and to please give the Port your input. Walter Chuck - Port Commissioner has received several emails re: the docks and the cleanup that is currently being addressed.



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There are two main factors for cleaning up the docks. They are #1: for aesthetic value and #2: for the Safety factor. We need to get to boats easily.

Don stressed the marina users will be seeing several changes over a period of time, and he wants as much input as possible. He's hoping any issues can be worked out and if needed, we can meet in the middle on things.

He wants to discuss whether the Port will be willing to provide more additional fish cleaning tables as the current ones are so heavily used and most recreational fishing folks are unable to get in to use them.

He also wants to discuss the issue of storage.

Joanne Barton introduced herself, and per her request, the group introduced themselves.

Walter Chuck introduced himself and briefed the group on his history, which included 10 years on the docks. He also acknowledged to the group the Port is partly responsible for the condition of the docks.

Don informed the group that most folks police themselves well and are careful not to discard carcasses in the water. He said we could possibly add fish cleaning stations to the docks, and distributed a picture of a simple fish cleaning station.

He acknowledged dock boxes need to be with a specific size and fit correctly. He also told the group all lines and hoses need to be kept up, off the docks and stored properly. He stressed to the group several folks are abiding by these rules and trying to stay neat.

Nancy Myrick commented things do get out of hand. She stated the folks that do not abide by the rules need to be called on it. She pointed out that per the current Ordinance book, dock boxes have to be specific in size. She told the group she had trouble getting clarification when she had her dock box installed several years ago but did get it ok'd before moving into their slip.

Joanne Barton commends that yes, folks fall behind on neatness, plus so much weight on the dock structure will do a lot of damage.

Don stated that besides aesthetics, we need to remember fire access.

One of the attendees asked where are the resources for these new fish stations.

Don replied possibly a grant with ODFW and/or budget adjustments. He stated the Port is seriously trying to fix this.

Joanne stated there is too much on the list, and we need to take things one at a time.

The question was asked if folks could clean their fish on top of their own ice chests on their boats. Ray Anessi commented on an incident when someone carelessly threw a fish carcass in the water and didn't seem to mind.

Don commented that the Port is liable for injuries and we must remain safe. He stated that customers need to work at keeping the docks clear.

Keith Strasburg stated it's a nightmare to do necessary work if there is too much in the way.

Don commented some things do not get attention until things get out of hand.

Barry Compton stated he and his wife keep things as neat as they can. He suggested the Port paint a line down both sides of the docks as a guide - such as a bike lane. He also stated that disabled folks have a hard time getting up and down the docks because of what is in the way.

Don asked the group if there were more filet stations would that help?

He also asked if folks would be more conscientious the docks could be more maintained.

Jerry Black stated some folks leave things all over the docks but they do their best to stay neat.



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Steve Myrick stated that, as annual moorage holders and livaboards throughout the summer, their dock box is in compliance and they do their best to remain neat. He also agreed that each dock should have its own fish cleaning station.

Another attendee stated some boats nose in but the crab pots left on the dock make it impossible to walk by, especially for any weekenders.

Walter Chuck stated that one of his complaints has been the sea lions are attracted by fish blood, even without the carcasses.

Another comment was the professional cutters take over the fishing tables, and tell folks waiting that they have priority with the fish cleaning tables because of the charter boats. Several attendees asked why charter boats take priority.

Don answered stating the charter boats do not have priority and he is currently working with ODFW on the issue of carcasses in the water. He stated there is a regulation for this, and the sea lions can be attracted with more fish stations on the docks. He told the group that self policing like they have been doing has been great. He also told them that everyone here is responsible enough to actually be attending this meeting, thank you.

Don reminded them that the Port could be more liable with fish cleaning tables on the docks.

Emma Compton stated that she and her husband have called folks on dumping fish but they don't seem to care.

Don stated the Port is checking for a city code to enforce on the issue of fish carcasses being discarded in the bay. He told the group that the Port had reminded folks quite awhile ago that there was to be no fish cleaning on the docks, but it's now out of hand.

He also said the Port is hoping the new code book will be available for review by the end of the year.

Emma Compton stated the dock boxes are oversized, and there is cooking gear everywhere which she feels can be dangerous.

Joanne Barton stated it's a shame when it gets so bad everyone suffers.

It was suggest the issues could be broken down in priority order. They would be as:

- #1 Cleanup of all docks
- #2 Fish cleaning stations issue
- #3 Dock box issue

Steve Myrick asked Don if he would send any information that comes up to his Idaho address as they were leaving soon. Don told the group yes, any information will be available on the internet.

Chris Urbach - Harbormaster - told the group the cleanup in also referred to as clutter. He stated we need a list for clarification.

Don told the group we need to define clutter. Everyone has clutter, but where should crab pots be stored? He answered this with 'on your own boat'.

Glenn Hart asked if the folks on the SB Marina are going to be unhappy customers with these upcoming changes.

Joanne Barton spoke to the group asking them to consider running for Port Commissioner, or an advisory board. Several boaters stated they did not live in the area.



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Chris Urbach told the group that, when the boat sank on D-33 this past summer, it was very difficult to fix the water lines because they were too hard to get to with so much stuff on the dock. He stated we need to get to things to fix them but are unable to. He also reminded the group about fires on boats. He asked if the Fire Department or Coast Guard can get to the boats in need.

Don stated dock boxes need to be inventoried. Dock boxes need limits set. The triangle is the space limit but too many folks exceed the limit.

Chris told the group that mounting is essential. We need to get to what is broken, and we may have to move the dock box, so please mount it within reason.

Don stated the Port is still working on the Code book draft and with this they are trying to stay on top of all of this.

Nancy Myrick asked if we could have a 3 foot path of clearance down the center of each dock. Another boater commented that a vertical line could work but we really need to define clutter.

Don gave his email address to the group and asked them to please email or call him, Chris Urbach or Gina Nielsen. He commented that everyone won't be happy but we'll do our best to compromise and have everyone in agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

The next meeting is set for 11/21/2012 at the South Beach Activity Room.