



**April 2022**

**Whoo News**

**Gentle reminders as the season gets ready to start**

**Safety First -**

Is always our top priority here at the marina. So in preparing for your summer on the water please remember that youth 12 years and under are required to wear a life jacket while on the docks at all times. This is mandatory, and if a jacket is needed, we have plenty of them to loan out (even for some of our four legged friends).

**Length of Stay -**

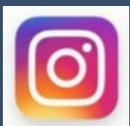
We love having you here at the marina, but please keep in mind you are only allowed to stay 3 nights a week unless you have a signed Liveboard Agreement on file in the office. Clients/Guests staying longer than 3 nights will automatically be charged an additional fee of \$200.00 a month. This 3 nights a week is Monday - Sunday.

**Reservations -**

We have a full house this year, so if you would like to use any of the picnic areas, you must make reservations with the office for availability in advance to secure the location. Reservations not canceled in the required time frame will be charged to the client of the marina.

**THE SPEED LIMIT -**

I understand it's difficult for some, however, with people, children, and animals this is a must. Please be sure you and your guests are aware of this strict 5mph speed limit driving in the marina anywhere on the property .



**Showers and Flowers.....**

Happy April!

This is truly the most beautiful time of year around the marina and Delta; everything is green and in full blooming glory, wildlife is bursting with new beginnings, and the weather is warm during the day and cool at night. Water is clear and ready for you to be out there with fewer vessels and the fish are biting.

As we all wish for April showers, it's been great to get your boat ready for the season. I don't recall seeing so many of our clients here taking their boats for haul outs, canvas, bottom jobs and rigging checked. It's very exciting, coming from personal experience, to know your boat is safe and ready. We have been hearing that appointments are getting further and further out every week, so if you are looking at having some work done, better get it on the books.

May is just around the corner with the first big boating holiday, Memorial Day weekend. We hope you have something wonderful planned for your "Summer Kick Off".

Cheers,  
Devery and Max

**Current Events and Updates**

**April 17th - Happy Easter**



**April 30th - Welcome Back to Summer**



## New Boat Engine Cutoff Switch Law Goes Into Effect April 1

### **Applies to boats less than 26 feet operating on plane or above displacement speed**

There are new engine cutoff device wear requirements for recreational boat operators as part of the January 1, 2021, passage of National Defense Authorization Act that included a U.S. Coast Guard Reauthorization. These devices, commonly referred to as engine cutoff switches (ECOS), are designed to prevent a boat-strike injury if an operator is accidentally ejected overboard while underway.

Engine cutoff devices can be located at the helm of the boat or on the tiller or body of an outboard engine and typically connect a boat's operator to the cutoff switch with a lanyard. Some ECOS devices eliminate the lanyard and rely on wireless proximity devices to shut down an engine if the operator goes overboard.

**Effective April 1, 2021**, the new law requires a vessel operator to use either a helm or outboard lanyard or wireless ECOS on certain vessels less than 26 feet when traveling on plane or above displacement speed. These vessels include (1) boats that have a functioning engine cutoff device installed at the helm or on an outboard engine or have wireless ECOS, or (2) boats manufactured beginning January 2020. The Coast Guard increased the number of boats required to have ECOS installed after this date in an effort to reduce boating accidents and fatalities.

Exceptions to the ECOS requirement include if the main helm of the vessel is in an enclosed cabin or the vessel is not operating on plane or at displacement speed. Low-speed activities such as fishing or docking do not require use of an ECOS. The vessel operator is also exempt if the boat's motor produces less than 115 lbs. of static thrust – or about the size of a 2-hp engine.

Boaters are encouraged to [check the U.S. Coast Guard website for additional information](#) on this new use requirement and other safety regulations and recommendations for more information.

## It may be cold on the water but now's the time to pay attention to a new US Coast Guard federal regulation for fire extinguishers on motorized recreational boats which takes effect on April 20, 2022.

The big change is that fire extinguishers older than 12 years from the manufacture date are no longer considered good and serviceable and should be replaced with a newer fire extinguisher.

This includes both disposable (non-rechargeable) and rechargeable fire extinguishers. And while you are checking your fire extinguishers, make sure they are properly pressurized, labeled for Marine use "Marine Type U.S.C.G." and are of the specific type required for your vessel length.

### As a reminder fire extinguishers must:

- \* **Be on board and readily accessible;**
- \* **Be of an approved type;**
- \* **Not be expired or appear to have been previously used; and**
- \* **Be maintained in good and serviceable working condition, meaning:**
  1. If the extinguisher has a pressure gauge reading or indicator it must be in the operable range or position;
  2. The lock pin is firmly in place;
  3. The discharge nozzle is clean and free of obstruction; and
  4. The extinguisher does not show visible signs of significant corrosion or damage.



The full register of regulations is available through the following link:

[Federal Register: Fire Protection for Recreational Vessels](#)

**Saturday, April 9, 2022**

**9 am - 5 pm**



Once a year discount on all your sailing supplies & foul weather gear! Gill Marine Representative will be there to help you get properly fitted for your sailing gear!

Come join us for a fun filled day with some of your favorite vendors! Svendsen's Marine & Industrial Supply is hosting it's first annual Spring Fling Show This event is free and open to the public.

**Music and raffle giveaways all day long!**

# Beauty of Spring .....

