

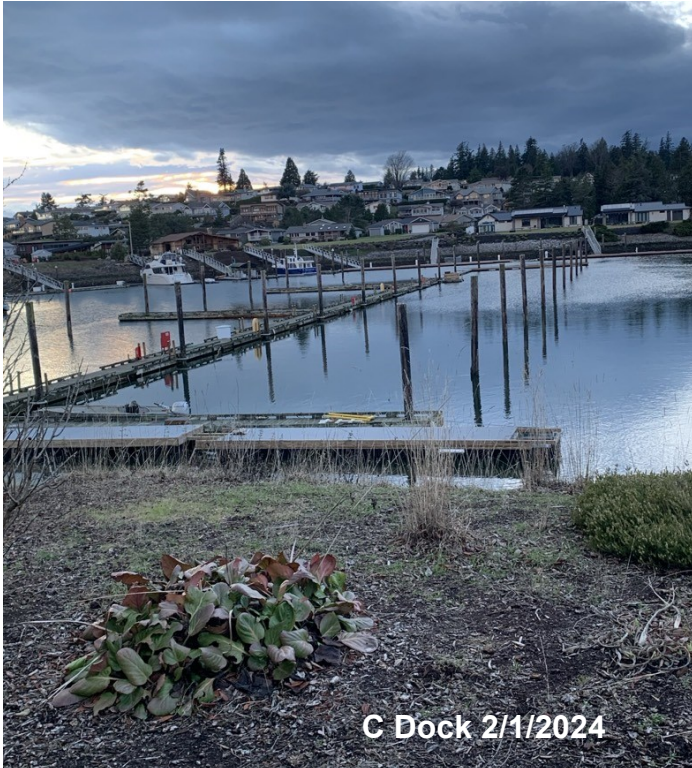


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NEWS AND MORE FOR THE BBVCC MARINA



Spring/Summer 2024



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Spring Cleaning will be upon us shortly. Below are some ideas for less toxic cleaning that will help keep our marina and the wildlife we share it with healthy and safe.

LESS TOXIC ALTERNATIVE CLEANING PRODUCTS

<i>Product/Application</i>	<i>Alternative</i>
Detergent and soap	Apply elbow grease.
Scouring powder	Use baking soda.
Fiberglass	Use baking soda paste.
Floor	Mix 1 cup vinegar in 2 gallons water.
Aluminum	Mix 2 tablespoons cream of tartar in 1 quart of hot water.
Window and mirror cleaning	Mix 1 cup of white vinegar with 1 quart of warm water. Apply with a damp cloth and buff dry.
Mildew	Make a paste using equal parts of either lemon juice and salt or vinegar and salt.
Wood polish	Mix three parts white vinegar and one part olive oil; almond or olive oil (use on interior, unvarnished wood only).
Varnish	Wipe with a mix of ½ cup vinegar and ½ cup water.
Copper	Apply lemon juice and salt.
Brass	Use Worcestershire sauce or paste made of equal parts salt, vinegar, and water; rinse thoroughly.
Head	Pour in baking soda and use a brush.
Shower	Wet surfaces, sprinkle on baking soda, and rub surface with scouring cloth.
Carpet stains	Mix equal parts white vinegar and water in a spray bottle. Spray directly on stain, let sit for several minutes, and clean with a brush or sponge using warm soapy water. For fresh grease spots, sprinkle corn starch onto spot and wait 15–30 minutes before vacuuming. For a heavy duty carpet cleaner, mix 1/4 cup each of salt, borax, and vinegar. Rub paste into carpet and leave for a few hours. Vacuum.
Rust	Sprinkle a little salt on the rust, squeeze a lemon over the salt until it is well soaked. Leave the mixture on for 2–3 hours. Use leftover rind to scrub residue.
Plugged drain	Disassemble or use a plunger or a plumber's snake (or both) — toxic substances like drain cleaners should not be used if they could be introduced into marine waters.
Hard-water stains and rings	Mix 1 tablespoon baking soda with 1 tablespoon toothpaste. Make a paste and scrub with a damp cloth.
Hull (brightener)	Mix ¼-cup baking soda with 1 gallon water. Add solution to rinse water after cleaning.
Stainless steel	Use baking soda or mineral oil for polishing, vinegar to remove spots.
Chrome	Rub straight apple cider vinegar on chrome and wipe off with a clean, dry rag.
Fuel oil stain	Pour baking soda on the stain and wait about 20 minutes. Rinse with clean water.
Teak (deodorizer)	Rub baking soda on the teak and let it set for about 20 minutes. Rinse well.
Metal (polish)	Dip a clean sponge in undiluted lemon oil and apply. Rinse well.
Vinyl	Mix 1 teaspoon baking soda and 1 teaspoon toothpaste. Apply with a rag and rinse well.
Plastic surfaces	Mix one part white vinegar and two parts warm water.
Deck	Mix one part white vinegar and eight parts warm water.

Pollution Prevention for Washington State Marinas

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HOW TO DEWINTERIZE A BOAT

Here is a basic guide to dewinterizing engine, plumbing, air conditioning, fresh water and sanitation systems on a boat.

By Brian Gordon, Last updated: 1/15/2024



The above article has some tremendous tips for Getting your boat ready for the Spring.

You can find it here-

<https://www.westmarine.com/west-advisor/How-to-Dewinterize-a-Boat.html>

DON'T FORGET!
SPRING FORWARD
ON SUNDAY MARCH 10



DOCK CAPTAINS

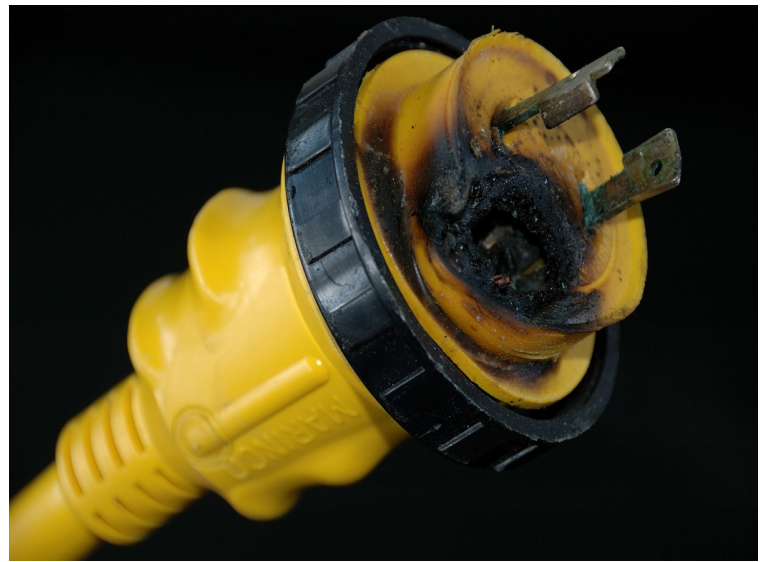
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Let's Talk About Cords

As I walk through the marina, I notice quite a few power cords that are left exposed to the elements. I also see cords with corrosion and light burn marks on them. Both of these scenarios increase the risk of a fire (worst case), or costly electrical repairs (best case).

While few people would be overjoyed to fork out money for new cords, this is a small price to pay to protect your boat and the boats of your dock neighbors'.

Please inspect your cords regularly. Look for signs of corrosion or burning. If you see either, it's time to replace them.

You can also look into something like a SmartPlug system which will help protect against the corrosion and loose connections.



MARINA COMMITTEE
MEETINGS ARE NOW THE
FOURTH TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH AT 2 PM.

UPCOMING DATES

2/26

3/26

4/22

