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NEWS AND MORE FOR THE BBVCC MARINA



## Fall/Winter 2024



**A huge "Thank You" to Ted and Don for their help getting this dead vessel to the launch ramp for the owner to pull it out for repairs.**



Fall is in the air which means that Winter isn't far off. And of course with Winter coming, it is a good time to start preparing for it.

Winter brings with it an increased threat of fires in marinas. One simple way to decrease the threat is to make sure that your shore power cords are clean and in good working order. Check your connections for corrosion, and check the cord itself for wear/weathering of the outer material.

Beginning in late Fall, the winds can become much stronger. I highly recommend using your heavy lines and spring lines to secure your boat if it is in the Marina to prevent it from breaking loose.

With the change of seasons comes a seasonal departure of folks within the Marina. To them I say a fond farewell and look forward to seeing you in 2025.

It is a pleasure getting to meet everyone in the Marina. We have had a good amount of new faces added this year, and I am always happy to see folks making new friends and enjoying this unique slice of our country.

Thank you all!

Sincerely,  
Your Harbormaster



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# Winterizing Your Boat: Step-by-Step Guide

In many areas of the country, you'll want to winterize a boat before freezing temperatures set in. Deciding on an option for boat storage is only the first step in preparing your pride and joy for its winter slumber. Even if you use your boat all winter long—a practice we most certainly endorse—there are some systems and items aboard that need some extra attention.

## How to Winterize a Boat

1. Start by prepping your engine; ensure all water has been drained and removed.
2. Apply corrosion protection to your engine.
3. Consult your owner's manual for specific instructions, and complete fogging, if needed.
4. Add a fuel-stabilizing additive to your fuel system; then run the engine.
5. Change your engine's fuel filters and any fuel/water separators in the system.
6. Drain your boat's freshwater plumbing systems (sinks, tanks, and heads).
7. Add antifreeze to your plumbing systems.
8. Ensure water is removed from all additional systems (raw water washdowns, livewells, bilge pump, etc.).
9. Remove drain plugs.
10. Cover your boat or place it into winter storage.



Ironically, it's water that poses the most danger to your boat during the off-season. Freeze-damage is the biggest potential problem, but water in and on your boat can also promote winter-time mold and mildew growth, and corrosion. So as you consider all of these tasks, remember that your main goal is to keep out water and moisture to the greatest extent possible.

**Be sure to concentrate on these systems during the winterization process:**

- The engine
- Fuel systems
- Plumbing systems
- All other systems that can hold water

**The above image is a very good article about Winterizing your boat. Whether you are new to this, or are a seasoned vet of Winters past, there is some very useful information and some great reminders for Winterizing your engine and other boat systems.**

**The full article can be found here:**

**<https://www.discoverboating.com/ownership/storage/winterizing>**

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

### UPCOMING DATES

9/24

10/22

11/26

