



THE BEACON

NEWS AND MORE FOR THE BBVCC MARINA



Winter 2024/Spring 2025



We now have an Emergency Response Trailer that houses spill booms, absorbent pads, and other equipment that can be moved within the Village in the event of an emergency.

Thank you to Brian in Maintenance for working with us to get this done.



A Timely Reminder About Marina Fire Safety

The recent fire at the Semiahmoo Marina serves as an important reminder to revisit the topic of marina fire safety. While it's not something most people like to think about, preparing for the possibility of a fire on your boat is essential for protecting lives and property.

In the past, I've emphasized the importance of using proper, well-maintained shore power cords. It's worth repeating: only UL Marine-approved cords and connections should be used. These cords must be kept out of the elements and inspected regularly for signs of wear, such as burn marks or corrosion. If a cord shows damage or has been in use for several years, replace it. The cost of a new cord is far less than the expense of replacing a vessel—or the unthinkable loss of a life.

Another often-overlooked hazard is the storage of oily rags. These should always be kept in a metal container with a secure lid, never in a paper bag. The chemicals in the rags can cause the paper to break down, generating heat and increasing the risk of a fire.

In the coming months, BBVCC staff and Dock Captains will be conducting emergency scenario training and drills to ensure preparedness in the event of a marina emergency.

Additionally, we'll host a boater meeting to review the Marina Emergency Response Plan. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for late spring, before the boating season gets into full swing, ensuring everyone is informed and ready.



Sincerely,
Your Harbormaster



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COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID WHEN DE-WINTERIZING *Your Boat*

- Don't overlook the bilge and drainage systems
- Don't neglect the propeller and lower unit
- Don't forget to check the exterior
- Don't forget the basics
- Don't skip the test run

Whether it's your first time de-winterizing a boat or you just need a quick refresher, you'll want to look out for common mistakes as you de-winterize:

- **Don't overlook the bilge and drainage systems:** Remember to clean and inspect the bilge pump — the pump that removes excess water from the bottom of the inside of the hull — and hoses. Make sure the switch is working, the battery is charged and on, there is no debris in the bilge and the outlet hoses are in order.
- **Don't neglect the propeller and lower unit:** Inspect the propeller for damage or wear and tear before you get back on the water. Also, check the lower unit for leaks and ensure it's adequately lubricated.
- **Don't forget to check the exterior:** While it's unlikely that the boat's hull will become damaged in winter storage, anything can happen, and a damaged hull leads to an increased risk of sinking. Additionally, inspect your boat trailer, as well as the tires, brakes, suspension, hitch, jack and winch.
- **Don't forget the basics:** Clean, paint, polish and wax your boat as part of this maintenance run.
- **Don't skip the test run:** After de-winterizing, give your engines a chance to warm up properly before you go for a short ride. That first use after winter helps you identify and address any issues that may not have been obvious at the dock.

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

UPCOMING DATES

1/21
2/25
3/25

