



Mariners' Marina Logbook



The boating season is in full swing – in spite of the stubborn rain! Please keep safety your first priority when having fun on the river. High water



means powerful and unpredictable currents. Many of us have seen deadly accidents covered in the local news this time of the year and we don't want any of our boaters to experience such losses. A few

years ago a boater drowned after jumping into the fast moving water with no life vest on to cool off. Another boat went over a dam after engine trouble. Please be careful and thoughtful while around the water. And remember that your anchor can be your best friend if you are experiencing engine trouble. **Stay safe!**

Please dry yourself or your little ones before entering the Clubhouse. Wet floors can be dangerous and there isn't always

someone around to wipe up the mess. Please dry yourself and/or your children before entering the Clubhouse lower level from the pool. I don't think that anybody wants to be responsible for an injury from someone slipping on a wet floor!



The second half Mariners' Marina Condo Association (MMCA) dues should be going out soon. The condo association changed to semi-annual dues in 2017. The first dues installment in

January covered the first half of the year as well as the Capital Fund. The second installment will be distributed in early July and covers the remainder of the year. The second installment will also include any high-current electrical charges. Lightweight

dock systems, such as our wood and steel docks, typically have a useful life of 20 to 30 years. Our marina is 29 years old but we have stepped up maintenance in the last few years. We plan to address capital improvements as needed and the Capital Fund is being used for this purpose. Any questions



about the second half invoices or dues should be referred to Steve Diaz on (708) 373-8507.

September 7th Mariners' Marina Condo Board Meeting: The meeting minutes for the 2Q19 Board Meeting are available in the Marina Owner tab of the website. The first quarter financials reviewed

at the meeting are also available at the same location. Additional items covered at the second quarter meeting included the spring flood response and clean-up, winter



BOARD MEETING electrical bill analysis, transient docking, new ramp rails, and damage claims progress. The next MMCA Board meeting is September 7th at 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Board meetings are open to marina slip owners only. Transient docking will be a major topic at the September meeting and any related concerns should be provided to the Board prior to that meeting. Oh, and the MMCA Annual Meeting will be held on November 9th – please make a note of it!

Who goes tharrrr? Mariners' Marina is not patrolled by a real security force but we do have the most important security element – you! If you notice scallywags, strangers, or unusual activity in



the Marina, please report it to the Seneca Police on their crime number: (815) 357-8726. Please remember to lock your valuables and keep tempting items out-of-sight. *Sticky fingers are*

everywhere!

Going Overboard! Don't forget to check out *Overboard Bar & Grill* on Facebook for their latest food and drink specials! They are always busy serving up something wonderful to satisfy your hunger and quench your thirst! And how about those buffets and brunches!!



Keep using those Pet Stations!! Maryann reports that the pet stations seem to be a hit...at least judging by the number of doggie bags being

disposed of properly. Keep up the good work and have you noticed how much better the grounds look? We have. Good job! Maryann also noticed that G/H docks seem to generate the most...ah...doggie bags.

See anybody throwing rocks? If you notice someone throwing rocks anywhere in the marina,



please do not be afraid to call the Seneca Police on their non-emergency number, (815) 357-8726. You don't have to approach the perp or perps yourself – the police will

handle the situation in an efficient, professional manner with their night sticks, mace, and tasers. We don't want rocks on the harbor bottom, in the river, on a car, or on a boat. Let's just leave them where they are!

Boat locked? Many of our boaters understandably lock their vessel for security reasons. You may want to give a key to a local, trusted individual so that your boat may be checked in the event that something looks amiss.



In the past, we've had boats with alarms going off, boats sitting low in the water, stereos mysteriously turning on, and sometimes owners may forget to turn something off before they leave. The same applies to locked boat lifts. Something to consider!

Who do I contact? The MMCA Board members are the same three folks until the November



Annual Meeting: Steve, Thom, and Steve. If you need info or have any issues regarding anything STS related such as slips, the Clubhouse, or the pool, then you should contact either Steve Diaz or Thom

Jungels. They are on (708) 373-8507 and (630) 284-9231, respectively.

A reminder - do not leave your A/C running!

Please do not leave your air conditioner running when you are not around for the day.

We are trying hard to keep the cost of electricity down. We have not had to raise the electricity rates for a few years due to all of your excellent efforts - so please keep up the good work! Violators will get one written warning before a fine may be assessed.



What's with the boat horns? You should use *one long blast of your horn when leaving* the Marina and *two short blasts when entering*. This alerts unseen boaters about your intentions. The boats



already in the south channel usually have right-of-way as do boats exiting the harbor. **Please observe these maritime Pirate courtesies!**

Slow down! Hey, what's the rush? We're all here to relax and have a good time. The gravel road and parking lots have a speed limit of 5 MPH – which is nice and S-L-O-W!



Please remember that there is absolutely, positively, no refueling in the harbor. However,



you may bring sealed fuel containers to your boat and use them to refuel your boat once you are on the river. That works well for smaller boats and is perfectly legal!

Also please note that there is no open flame grilling on docked boats or boat docks.

Guess what? This is my last issue of the newsletter!

It's now been 65 editions since I put the first newsletter together back in January of 2013. And here it ends. There have been a lot of little stories and a lot of big changes since then. I have decided to finally retire from the Mariners' Marina Condo Board in November and let someone else give it a go after serving almost ten years on the Mariners' Marina and Village Boards. And it's been 12 years since I first started the MarinersVillageandMarina.com website for "fun". Finally, I officially end my ownership of STS Marina and STS Properties at the end of this year although we are now transitioning out of day-to-day STS operations. Yay! Yes, Maryann and I are beginning the next phase of our life journey as we officially become relaxed boaters again and enjoy



some quality time on the water with no responsibilities! Oh, and we just celebrated our 41st wedding anniversary this week – time does fly when you're having fun with your best friend! We love you all and hope to see you

on the water working like a captain and partying like a pirate! **Arrrrrrrrr -**

Steve & Maryann

