



# Mariners' Marina Logbook



## Lock Closure Details!

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**Boating Season is just around the corner!** *It's true, Mariners' Marina officially opens on April 1<sup>st</sup> – and that's no joke!* It's not very long until the new boating season arrives. It's hard to believe since it seems that we just got finished living in a freezing Polar Vortex! But it **is** time to start dusting off your boating gear and to start thinking about prepping your boat. Yes – the wait is almost over and wet times are ahead. We're looking forward to another long, fun, and safe boating season in 2019. Please keep



courtesy and safety among your top priorities for the upcoming boating season. Mariners' Marina rules are available at our website and an abridged version is posted near each dock ramp. We will add some rule reminders in the **Logbook** during the boating season. We will also be performing some spring cleaning and maintenance as the temperatures get warmer so please be careful and alert in the harbor and on the docks!

**Power washing the docks.** We plan to power wash the docks again this spring to give the marina a fresh look and lengthen the longevity of the deck wood. The current plan is to power wash the main docks and the finger docks. We will attempt to finish this project before boats start arriving but will be limited by weather conditions and other harbor work going on. Please let the Board know if you do not want your finger dock power washed. The 4x4 posts will not be power washed.



**The Marina gate will open by March 29<sup>th</sup>, weather and conditions permitting.** We don't want to open the gate too early as vehicles driving on the wet gravel road and parking lots can leave deep ruts this time of the year. A locked gate also helps reduce trespassing during the off-



season. Please contact a Board member for entry information if you need early access to the Marina with your vehicle. You are welcome to walk into the Marina area any time and may park your vehicle in the Clubhouse parking lot.

**A new door code for the Clubhouse lower level** will be provided in the April issue of the **Logbook** – so watch for it. The April issue will also provide the new password for the Mariners' Marina Wi-Fi network. These codes will only be visible in the newsletter versions that are sent directly to owners and boaters via email. They will **not** be visible in the logbook issues available at the website or on the Facebook page.



### WiFi

Please update your email information with Steve Parrish if you are not receiving your newsletter issue directly. If you are a slip owner that rents out your slip, you should pass the **Logbook** along to your slip renters. They need this information!



## Illinois Waterway 2020 Full Lock Closures.

The Illinois Waterway, which provides a navigable connection between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River, includes eight lock and dam sites which are long overdue for significant repairs. In order to facilitate these repairs, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, is planning a closure at six of the eight sites in 2020. The closures are scheduled to take place simultaneously to lessen impact to commercial navigation as much as possible. However, *navigation within each pool will not be affected.* Closing multiple locks at the same time is a more efficient way to make repairs to the system as a whole and prevent the need for extended closures over many years. Currently,



closures are being anticipated for the months of July through October of 2020. This will allow the highest probability of flooding to be past and the greatest chance for work to be done before the harvest season when river traffic is very heavy. Planned closures in 2020 include:



US Army Corps of Engineers  
Rock Island District

- **Starved Rock & Dam and Marseilles Lock & Dam** - Work will include dewatering the lock chamber to reconstruct miter gate sills and replace anchorages in preparations for new miter gates. This work is expected to take up to 120 days.

- **Dresden Island Lock & Dam and Brandon Road Lock & Dam** - These sites are anticipated to only be partially closed allowing for traffic to pass at night. Work will include installing bulkhead recesses so that future maintenance and dewaterings will be possible. Width restrictions will be necessary for a portion of the time while the slots are under construction, and a shorter, two-week full closure will be needed at some point during the process to construct the bulkhead sill across the bottom of each lock chamber.

important topics include harbor work, electrical surcharges, and repairs due to winter damage. The meeting is open to all slip owners. The meeting minutes and 2018 financial summary will be available on the website, as always.

**2019 Mariners' Marina Condo Association (MMCA) Board Meeting Schedule.** At the 2018 Annual Meeting, the Board provided the entire 2019 Board meeting schedule in advance to help slip owners plan ahead. The remaining Board meeting dates for 2019 are:



- 2Q - May 18<sup>th</sup>
- 3Q - September 7<sup>th</sup>
- 4Q & Annual Meeting - November 9<sup>th</sup>

All meetings will be held on Saturday in the Clubhouse beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**First Half MMCA Dues Invoices** were sent out to all slip owners in early January and were due later that month. If you haven't made your payment, you are late and subject to late fees. So please get your payment in quickly if you have not already done so. Thank you! The address for all condo association correspondence, including invoice payments, is still:



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**Hey, don't forget to visit [MarinersVillageandMarina.com](http://MarinersVillageandMarina.com)!**



It is updated more frequently now that we are getting closer to boating season. It is an excellent source of information for STS Marina, STS Properties, and the Mariners' Marina Condominium Association. On the restricted slip owner's page, it has all the condo association meeting minutes, financial reports, by-laws, and various procedures such as requesting information. It also has six years of newsletters and the marina rules. You can view and print any of these items at any time and to your heart's content.

**Boating season is fast approaching** and the Marina is undergoing its annual spring repairs and clean-up. We will update everyone with new lock closure details as they become available. *Stay tuned to the newsletter!*



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**2019 Restrictions and Closures for the Marseilles & Starved Rock Locks.** We will see some impacts at the Starved Rock and

Marseilles Locks this year. This is preparatory work for the full 2020 closures. Navigation within our Marseilles pool **will not** be impacted. Here is what we will see this boating season at the Marseilles and Starved Rock Locks:

- We are expecting **four 8 to 10 hour, full lock closures in May of 2019.** The exact dates and times will be announced 30 days in advance.

- **Navigation through the locks will be restricted starting June 1 and lasting through August 31.**

*Traffic will only be able to pass through the locks at night from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am and barge traffic will have priority.*



- The locks will be **fully open from 5:30 pm on July 3 through 6 am on July 8.** This will allow recreational boating to pass through the locks during the busy July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday period.

- **There will be another full lock closure** from 1 am on August 16 though midnight on August 29.

**The First Quarter MMCA Board Meeting** will be held on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Clubhouse.



This is a non-voting meeting for slip owners and the agenda includes a review of the final, actual 2018 annual expenditures versus the budgeted amounts. Other