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From the Desk of the Port Authority Director

It's hard to believe that July is almost over and our season is in its second half. Although the weather hasn't cooperated, I hope you've been able to enjoy the sunny days.

I have received numerous complaints regarding cars parked inside the marina without a valid parking pass. Boaters are purchasing additional key cards and giving them to family and friends to enter the marina through the boater gate.

Effective immediately, all cars parked inside the marina must have a visible, valid 2009 parking pass or must obtain a visitor's pass from the office. Any car parked inside the marina which doesn't have a pass will be ticketed and subject to towing at the owners expense.

I encourage you to attend and participate in the 2009 National Marina Day and Venetian Night events. We hope you enjoy the activities as we have tried to schedule something for everyone!

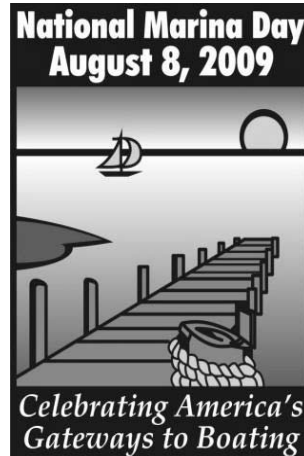
As you can see, construction on the addition to the Administration Building and the future site of the Hammond Yacht Club is going well. The foundation was poured this past week and masonry work begins July 21st..

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Please remember, dockboxes may not be used for storage of batteries, paints, caustics, corrosives, fuels or other hazardous substances. If you need to dispose of any of the above items, please call the office (219-659-7678) and we will advise you where to leave the item.

Stay tuned for updated information regarding our quest to become the 1st Marina to be designated a "Clean Marina" in the State of Indiana!

Keith Carey, Dockmaster



2009 NATIONAL MARINA DAY, VENETIAN NIGHT

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, August 8th to celebrate National Marina Day and Venetian Night. We're doing something a little different this year. We'll begin our day with the

"All American Bake Sale" Please consider donating baked goods as all proceeds will be given to Greater Hammond Community Services. The Greater Hammond Community Services helps those families in need with food, clothing, energy assistance, emergency services and many other services. If you're not interested in baked goods, donations of nonperishable items are always appreciated. If you can't donate baked goods please purchase something yummy to begin your day.

Children's games begin at noon. The lifeguards are planning some really fun activities and each child will be given a goody bag to take home.

This year we are judging dock decorations instead of individual boat decorations. The theme this year is "Where the Wild Things Are" and we're challenging each dock to put on their creative hats and run with the theme. A plaque will be awarded to the dock that best represents the theme or their interpretation of the theme. The Slipholders will also win bragging rights for a whole year! There will be a concert on the west patio beginning at 6:00 p.m. "Ripple" is returning to entertain all of you.

The festivities will conclude with a wonderful fireworks display starting at 9:30 p.m.



William "Bill" Hill, Marina Director

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer at the marina in spite of some rainy days.

As you've probably noticed, the Port Authority has made a number of improvements including a new entrance, main dock restroom and laundry facilities and new and expanded docks.

Unfortunately we seem to have a few bad apples who don't appreciate having a beautiful marina to enjoy. We have experienced numerous acts of vandalism throughout the marina.

By using our security cameras, security guards and card swipe monitoring, we expect to identify some of the vandals. They will be expelled immediately from the marina and face legal action. If it happens to be a slip holder, the same consequences apply.

For the rest of you who respect and enjoy the marina, we want to thank you for your patronage. On behalf of myself and the rest of our staff, we hope you enjoy the rest of the summer.



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DOCKSIDE DO'S AND DON'TS

Many times we simply get complacent at dockside and don't use our common sense. Following are a few tips that you should adhere to to make dockside boating safer and more pleasant for you and your dockside neighbors.

ALWAYS neatly coil or flemish excess line both on the dock and onboard. This not only looks more professional but can prevent someone from tripping over a loose line and falling. Guess who would be at fault if it were your line they tripped over?

ALWAYS turn off all AC breakers on board, then turn off the breaker and disconnect the power cord from the dock first. You will see many people undo the power cord from the boat and then hand it to, or worse yet, carry it off the boat to the dock. One slip and they are in the drink with a live wire.

ALWAYS make sure you turn off all outside lights, instruments, and VHF radio. There is nothing more unneighborly than a light shining on the boat in the next slip or the VHF blasting loudly while you are away from your boat.

NEVER connect a dock water supply to the pressure side of the water system on your boat. Not even with a pressure-reducing valve. This is an invitation to sink your boat. All you need is for one of those hose clamps to quit, or a flexible section to rupture and there is an unlimited supply of water to full your boat. Far better to fill your water tank periodically using a hose and using the onboard water pressure pump to supply your requirements. Now if there is an accident, no more water can come on the boat than was already there and you can't sink. Keeping your pressure pump working on a regular basis is also better for it. Nothing kills pumps quicker than being idle for long periods.

And while on the subject, **NEVER** have a water tank that overflows anywhere onboard. Plumb the overflow overboard or to a drain which always runs overboard because, sooner or later, you will go ashore and forget you left the hose filling the tank.

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