



## **OTTER CREEK LANDING YACHT CLUB**

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## **SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER**

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

**Inner Docks** #44 - Michael and Stephanie White

**Outer Docks** #85 - Gary and Jennifer Cohen; #88 - Kim and Brett Tushingham; # 98 - Stuart Vick

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### **Unfortunately, rules and violations have become too numerous to ignore.**

**This Newsletter will delineate some of the problems we are facing in keeping the YC running smoothly and safely.**

### **COMMENTS ON SOME THINGS THAT HAVE OCCURRED**

**Please be sure your tenant/authorized user is aware of the following..**

1. **Do NOT board another person's boat or take/use items (like nets) without the boat owner's permission!**
2. **NO SWIMMING or DIVING/JUMPING IN THE MARINAS.....EVER!!!**
  - a. YC Rules & Regulations #20 states: "SWIMMING: No swimming, jumping or diving from the docks, piers or boats/vessels within the marinas."
  - b. **The main reason for this rule is to prevent the possibility of ELECTRICAL SHOCK DROWNING (ESD):**
    - **What is ESD?** - An electrical fault aboard a boat **AND** a break in the green "ground" safety wire can result in a situation where the only path left for electricity to return to its source is through the water. When this occurs, a potentially dangerous patch of water can radiate out from the boat's underwater metals. Anyone in this patch of water is in danger of electric shock drowning.
    - **Electricity in the water can result in feeling tingles or numbness, becoming paralyzed or in water electrocution.**
  - c. **Other reasons are** - the area around the docks has a lot of boat traffic and it's difficult to see swimmers in the water; it is very difficult to get out of the water once you are in; debris and fishing lures on the bottom could be injurious.

3. **Use of dumpster and re-cycle carts at the outer docks & trash and re-cycle carts at the inner docks:**

**The dumpster & recycle carts at the outer docks AND the trash cart & recycle cart at the inner docks are for YC and BOATING RELATED TRASH ONLY!**

a. **Background – Outer Docks -**

The outer docks formerly had one roll cart for 29 slips and the HOA Condos had the dumpster for 24 HOA home units. Because others were also using the YC trash cart, the YC made an agreement with the HOA to increase the size of the dumpster to the next level; the YC pays the difference. This has solved the trash cart problem.

b. **However, there are now other problems at the outer docks -**

- There have been reports of persons dumping their non-YC garbage bags in the dumpster on the way to their boat
- AND putting non-re-cycle items in the blue re-cycle carts AND leaving recyclables on the ground.

**PLEASE: DO NOT BRING GARBAGE BAGS, TRASH, MATERIALS, etc FROM ELSEWHERE and discard them in the dumpster or re-cycle carts**

**When disposing of your Yacht Club related trash, please put everything in the CORRECT container**

c. **Background – Inner Docks -**

The inner dock has one trash roll cart and one re-cycle cart for 71 slips.

**These carts are for YC and boating related trash only. The YC pays all costs for these carts.**

d. **Request to those in the HOA condos, who put their doggie poop bags in the Lewis trash cart.**

- The two carts are for YC and boating related trash only.
- They are emptied once a week on Mondays. The trash cart gets smelly, pushing it to the curb for pickup and cleaning the cart can be really gross.
- The two HOA dumpsters (located on Lewis Dr and in the cul-de-sac are emptied on Monday and Friday; they don't have to be pushed to the curb AND they don't have to be cleaned.

**REQUEST:**

**PLEASE DISCARD YOUR DOGGIE POOP BAGS IN one of the two DUMPSTERS.**

**Thank you for your cooperation**

4. **LIABILITY ISSUE REMINDER:** (from our insurance company)

a. **PLEASE do NOT tell others that they can come onto the floating docks, pier walkway or YC property to fish/ catch bait OR launch/retrieve a paddleboard/kayak OR to watch the fireworks or flotilla without a member or renter present.**

b. **PLEASE do not allow your child to be alone on the floating docks/pier walkway or go netting for bait fish unaccompanied.**

c. **Reference = “R&R #2 ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:**

- For safety, privacy, security, **liability and insurance coverage reasons**, the inner and outer docks, piers and slips are for Members and Member's tenants/authorized users only.
- **Any guest on the YC property must be in the company of a Member, a Member's tenant or user.**
- **All children must be accompanied by an adult.**
- **The Yacht Club reserves the right to limit the number of guests.**
- **Use of any slip without that Member's permission is prohibited.**
- **Purchase or rental of a slip membership shall be for mooring purposes.”**

**d. Anyone NOT in the company of a member, tenant, or authorized user will be considered trespassing.**

5. **KAYAKS, PADDLEBOARDS and CANOES:** R&R #12

- **Launching and retrieval of kayaks, paddleboards, canoes is for YC Members or tenants/users only.**
- **NO boat slip may be used for launch or retrieval without PRIOR permission of the slip member.**
- **YC Designated launch/retrieval locations are:**
  - Inner Docks - slip # 00 on the north side (land side) of the floating docks by the fish station;
  - Inner Docks – west of slip #32 in the southwest corner by the ramp, next to the bulkhead;
  - Outer Docks – at bottom of ramp on the LEFT (north side) and short of slip #96;

• **Guest(s) MUST be accompanied by a YC Member or tenant/user DURING launch AND retrieval.**

- **Storage:** No kayak, paddleboard or canoe can be stored on any floating dock, pier or boardwalk

6. **TOO MANY PUTTING A BOAT IN THE SLIP BEFORE ALL PAPERWORK IS IN YC OFFICE:**

a. **Be sure your paperwork is complete for your slip.** (Tenant Information Form & current insurance info)

b. **Paperwork Fine - Rules & Regulations #7 -**

- If a boat/vessel/trailer is brought into any boat slip or onto the Yacht Club property without supplying the Yacht Club Office with the required paperwork;
- OR - If a boat/vessel/trailer remains in a boat slip or on Yacht Club property AFTER the insurance liability policy expires
- A fine of \$25.00 will be imposed and \$10.00 per day until the paperwork is received OR the boat/vessel is removed from the slip and YC property.
- It is the responsibility of the member to notify the YC Office when a boat and/or trailer is removed from the property, so that the YC knows when fines should cease.

7. **OVERNIGHT PARKING AT 0 TEAKWOOD PARKING LOT AND 312 LEWIS PARKING LOTS**

**VEHICLE PARKING:** R & R #16

- Parking for YC Members, tenants and their guests is to be in designated areas only at the Yacht Club parking lots 212 Lewis Drive and 0 Teakwood Drive adjacent to trash containers
- Parking in these lots is temporary;

• **No overnight or continuous parking unless you are out on your boat.**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
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**TRAILER LOTS:**

a. **All trailers in both trailer lots are marked! Thank you!**

- Please check and refresh your trailer markings OFTEN. Sun quickly fades them.

b. **JUST A REMINDER:** As a courtesy, PLEASE...

- Put smaller trailers/boats in the narrower/shorter spaces
- Leave the wider/longer spots for the larger boats/trailers;
- Park trailer so there is efficient use of space.
- Do not move or block another trailer. (If there is a problem, contact the YC office)

• **ALSO PLEASE:** Tie-up the wiring/chain, etc. around the tongue of your trailer, so it is not close to the ground. (Our grounds person will not trim underneath for fear of getting his weed trimmer caught, which will probably cause damage to both the wiring and weed trimmer).

**RIGHT NOW THERE ARE NO SLIPS FOR SALE OR RENT:**

- Should you choose to do either, contact the Office with your info so it can be posted on the website.
- Also request the **Tenant/User Info Packet or Membership Sale/Transfer Packet** (which ever applies)
- All paperwork MUST be completed and received in the YC office BEFORE any boat can occupy a slip.

**NEIGHBORS' NEW DOCKS & BOAT SLIPS COMING SOON:**

- The 106 and 108 Teakwood Drive property owners in the cul-de-sac are each building their own pier walkway, gazebo and boats slips to the north of the YC outer docks pier walkway and gazebo.
- Both are in the process of completing their permit requirement. Work is hoped to start this fall/winter.
- The YC is monitoring to be sure that we have room to navigate and repair our pier walkway and gazebo.

**TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS  
AND TO THE "OLD SALTS" AS WELL...**

PLEASE REVIEW AND MAKE YOUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE HURRICANE SEASON  
We are now approaching the time of year when most of our hurricane hits and damage have happened

**2021 HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE**

**It runs from June 1 to November 30, 2021**

**BE / GET PREPARED**



***Have a safe Labor Day weekend  
and a great fall***

**REMINDER:**

**RECREATIONAL FLOUNDER FISHING SEASON RUNS  
SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**