

DECEMBER 2008

Special points of interest:

- If there are any questions, comments, suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Diane at 360-796-4611 or email diane@pleasantharbormarina.com.
- **Hood Canal Bridge 2009 project** (page 3)
- **Navy Expansion project update**—see page 4
- **Nov 27-28th Marina store / fuel dock closed**
- **Fall / Winter Store & Deli Hours (Oct 1st)**
Mon thru Fri
11:00am—8:00pm
Sat—Sun
9:00am—8:00pm
- **Marina and Fuel Dock**
9am—8pm Daily
- **Parking Permits** are NOW AVAILABLE in the store
- **Reminders:** Please limit to 20 minutes at the loading/unloading areas at the head of the docks; **do not leave vehicles unattended.**
- **Fuel supplier changing** to E10 gasoline (read page 2)
- **The hot tub is open!** The pool is closed for the winter.



PLEASANT HARBOR
MARINA AND GOLF RESORT

NEWSLETTER

The store and deli are open **Monday thru Friday 11am to 8pm**. The marina, fuel dock and hot tub open at 9am. To get a hold of someone, use the hand held radios at the fuel dock and marina store door to call the dock attendant or Diane. As long as you clean up after yourselves, the TV / dining area will be kept open until 11pm.

It is required for all owners to give a **key or access code** to their boat for emergency purposes. If you do not wish to furnish access to the marina, please let Diane know and she will send you a release form. If you have questions why we would need access to your boat please contact Diane.

There are new **parking permit stickers** for slips owners and annual moorage tenants. Next time you are at the marina, stop in the store and pickup a sticker for your vehicle(s).

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Cosmetic Restoration Services
A reminder that CRS also provides the same cosmetic services for cars, trucks, and rv's. Protect your investment and call or e-mail Clint at 360-796-2047 – cscott@donobi.net .

Marine Systems - call Norm Gustafson 360-823-6357 / normnjan@hotmail.com.

Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety Boat Check Schedule your boat for a safety check with Dick Moore (E-11) at 796-4185.

LET'S GO GREEN!

There are recycling containers for **plastic, glass and aluminum** located next to the dumpsters, in addition to our previous recycling options of **cardboard and mixed white paper**. The items that can be recycled are:

The marina requests that all **dinghies** be out of the water for the winter, unless they have automatic bilge pumps installed. If you decide to keep yours in the water there will be a \$10 fee charged for each time marina staff has to pump it out. During storms, the staff have many things to be checking.

Reminder: It is a **requirement** that all boat owners call or email the store to **authorize vendors to work on your boat**. The vendor must check in with the marina store prior to going on the dock.

Marina upgrades: Larry Gauer delivered gravel to improve the driveway. Arlon Johnson and Don Thacker are working on replacing the front porch in front of the store. See pg 4 pictures.

The marina is continuing to conduct shore power cord inspections for stray current, this includes turning the power to each boat off and on. If you have special concerns, contact the marina office. Most have been completed, the results have been much improved from the last few years.

We do have **power outages**. The marina is not responsible for damages when the power goes out or we have to turn power off for maintenance. If we have to turn your power off and for any reason we will not be able to turn

back on, we will contact you immediately. **EMAIL IS PREFERRED METHOD!**

IMPORTANT: GAS ENGINE BOATS, PLEASE READ THIS.

Because of recent federal requirements regarding ethanol blended gasoline, including gasoline sold at marinas, **our supplier will be delivering E10 gasoline in the near future.** Below is information to make you aware of the hazards posed by E-10 gasoline:

In the future, the gasoline at our marina will contain up to 10% ethanol. Although we will properly prepare our gasoline storage tank to accept ethanol gasoline, and the ValvTect Marine Gasoline at our fuel dock is specially formulated to help prevent ethanol related problems, **you must make sure your boat's fuel tank is free of water, sediment and /or other contamination to avoid problems or possible engine damage.** You should make sure that your boat's fuel filter, fuel lines and fuel tank(s) are compatible with ethanol blended gasoline. **Below is a technical bulletin from ValvTect covering ethanol blended gasoline. Please read it carefully.** Once your boat's fuel tank is properly prepared for ethanol gasoline, you should have no problems with the continued use of ValvTect Marine Gasoline. Should you have any questions please contact ValvTect's customer support group at 800-728-8258 or email valvtect@valvtect.com or contact Don Coleman at the marina.

ValvTect Marine Gasoline is the only gasoline specially formulated to prevent problems caused by ethanol. However, due to higher moisture in the marine environment, and due to certain incompatible fuel system components used in some older boats, you must also properly prepare your fuel system before switching to fuel containing ethanol or you may experience problems even when using ValvTect Marine Gasoline.

Phase Separation: Ethanol attracts water. Gasoline tanks containing more than .35% water are at risk of having ethanol phase separate into an alcohol and water layer at the bottom of the tank. When this happens, the fuel's top layer contains reduced level of high octane ethanol and a substantially reduced octane gasoline. Engines are not able to effectively burn the lower octane fuel efficiently or the alcohol and water mixture. Do not attempt to "fix" this fuel! The fuel must

be properly discarded. In order to avoid phase separation, make certain there is no water in the boat's gasoline tank before fueling with ethanol blends. Refuel only when the gasoline lever is less than 1/4 tank, especially during the first and second fill after transition.

Storage of Ethanol Gasoline: If a boat is to be stored for more than 60 days, it is recommended the tank be filled to 7/8th capacity with ValvTect Marine Gasoline which is specially formulated to keep the fuel stable and provide moisture control. This will also help avoid moisture buildup and allow for expansion. Non-ValvTect gasoline should be treated with ValvTect Marine Fuel Stabilizer or ValvTect Octane Performance Improver.

Fiberglass Fuel Tanks: Gasoline containing 10% ethanol has been documented to cause a chemical reaction with certain resins used in some fiberglass fuel tanks. This can result in a deterioration of tank walls and, in extreme cases, leakage with the risk of causing an explosion. In addition, the resin absorbed in the fuel can plate on intake valves. This may result in engine failure. It is STRONGLY recommended that boaters contact their boat manufacturer to make sure their fuel tank is compatible with ethanol fuel. Bertram, Tripp Angler, and Hatteras are some of the boat manufacturers that used these fiberglass fuel tanks in older models and have had tank failure problems.

Solvent Characteristics of Ethanol: Ethanol acts as a solvent which will breakdown any deposits and sediment buildup in your fuel tank or fuel system. All Certified ValvTect Marinas were advised to pump out all water and/or sediment in their gasoline storage tanks and install special ethanol compatible fuel filters prior to taking delivery of ethanol gasoline. We recommend that boaters carry additional ethanol compatible fuel filters and tolls needed to replace fuel filters in the event a filter becomes clogged. In addition, it is advised that boaters check with their marine dealer or engine manufacturer to be sure the fuel filter being used is suitable for 10% ethanol gasoline.

Rubber Components: Older engines and their fuel system components may be susceptible to ethanol damage. We suggest that all rubber components exposed to fuel on both new and older boats be inspected on a yearly basis and replaced

immediately if necessary by an experienced mechanic.

Fuel Quality: Follow your marine engine manufacturer's recommendations for minimum octane levels. We encourage you to further research this topic through your marinas, marine engine builders and boat fuel tank manufacturers.

Planned replacement of D dock this winter

We are in the process of replacing some of our docks. D dock will be the first, which includes: new ramp, fuel facility, pump out system, power and water. D Dock will be replaced the first week in February 2009.

Hood Canal Bridge Project—Get Ready WSDOT is replacing the east-half of the Hood Canal Bridge and the transition trusses on both ends. Completing this work requires a six-week closure of the bridge in May-June 2009. When finished, the Hood Canal Bridge will be wider, safer, and more affordable to maintain. Visit www.HoodCanalBridge.com for closure related information.

Advisory Committee Meeting

Scheduled for the first Thursday of each month 10am to 11am PST. The Advisory Committee consists of two representatives of the long-term slip holders selected by the long-term license holders, two members of the Yacht Club other than the long-term license members elected by the long-term slip holders, and one member at large appointed by Pleasant Harbor Marina, LLC from the remainder of the moorage customers (collectively the "non employee members of the committee"), the senior maintenance official, the Marina Manager and representative of the Pleasant Harbor Marina, LLC (8 members total) to discuss level of maintenance, needed repairs, and desired upgrades. Each member may appoint an alternate to attend if they cannot make a meeting. The Advisory Committee will also be advised of plans for changes and provide input during any transition on needs of the marina to facilitate continued use during construction.

The **members of the committee** are: Phil Smith and Greg Tyler (slip holders), Dale Johnson and Don LeMaster (PHYC), Ron Green (member at large), Diane Coleman (Marina Manager), Don Coleman (Maintenance Supervisor), and Brad Milne (attorney for Statesman).

If there are **comments to be addressed to the committee** at the next meeting, talk with Diane. She will either add it to the agenda or will contact the appropriate member to get in touch with you.

November 6th meeting agenda: Rules and Regulations update—If you do not wish PHM to have access to your vessel, there will be a release form to sign (see Diane); **Management Agreement** between PHM and licensees are being mailed with this month's bill. **D dock** is scheduled for first week in February 2009—boats affected during construction will be contacted in December to move to a temporary slip. **Condominium Agreement**—documents are being prepared and reviewed, this will be a slow process while working with DNR. **Liveboard fees** will remain \$30.00 per month.

Pleasant Harbor Marina has applied for the **Certified Clean Marina Program** with Washington State and EnviroStars. This program encourages marina operators and recreational boaters to protect coastal water quality by engaging in environmentally-sound operating and maintenance procedures. Our site inspection is scheduled for December 4th.

Washington State Boater Education Card: Get ahead of the class! Pass the course, get the card! People born before Jan 1, 1955 are exempt. 2008: 12 to 20 yrs old; 2009: 25 year and under; 2010: 30 years and under. Check out their website at www.parks.wa.gov/boating or contact 360-902-8844 for more information.

If there is **any accident** on Pleasant Harbor Marina property, please contact marina personnel for assistance, we have trained first responders on the property: Lisa, Casey, Stacey, Don Coleman and Diane who can assist with any accident.

Crabbing Season reopened on November 1, 2008 until January 2, 2009, **SEVEN** days a week!

Update following the October 7th **Proposed Navy Range expansion project** meeting held in Quilcene, WA: The Dabob Bay range will have no changes; The proposed expansion of the Hood Canal from south of the bridge to Lilliwaup will not be administered the same as Dabob range. This extended range will primarily be used for unmanned underwater vehicle testing. Operation of the range will not exclude recreational traffic from the entire range. When surface traffic is restricted it will be limited to the immediate area where operations are conducted, not the entire range area. There is a 100 yard exclusion zone around ANY U.S. Naval vessel, although they are not Warships—just auxiliaries, the rule still applies. For example, when the Navy puts a testing vehicle in close to the bridge and then travels south however far to retrieve the vehicle, you must keep a 100 yard distance from all surface ships, but you will still be able to navigate the Hood Canal.

The PHYC is continuing its support of the local community with the annual toy and food drive in cooperation with **The Brinnon Food Bank**. Please help us help these people! If you can, set aside a sturdy box or 2 now and add non-perishable items and toys as you shop during the coming weeks. Then bring the boxes to the Marina store on the day of the holiday party on Dec 13th!

If you are interested in manning the Seattle Boat show, please let Diane know or see the sign up sheet in the marina store.

Contact the marina store with any questions regarding any information contained in this newsletter.

Calendar Reminders...

- Nov 27-28th:** Marina store/fuel dock closed
- Nov 27th, 3:30pm:** Thanksgiving Dinner at the Brinnon Community Center (Jim @ 360-280-4347)
- Dec 4th** next Advisory Committee Meeting
- Dec 13th, 12pm:** PHYC Boat Decorating, Nog Potluck and toy / food drive (Greg @ gttyleer@comcast.net)
- Dec 24-25th:** Marina store/fuel dock closed
- Dec 25th Merry Christmas!** (Thursday)
- Jan 1st Happy New Year!** (Thursday)
- Jan 23rd—Feb 1st** Seattle Boat Show
- Feb 2nd:** D Dock being replaced

*Email me pictures
to put here!
I will have pictures
of construction next month!*