

Commodore Message November 2020

I hope that I find you and your family in good health. Please continue to self-isolate as much as possible and maintain safe distances in public.

2020-2021 Renewals. We have had 540+ mail-in renewals as of our September 30th closure date. At the October 6th Board Meeting a motion was made and approved (with one abstention) to extend the renewal membership deadline to November 17, 2020 (the last date for 2020 new member sign-ups). The Board agreed to permit more than 600 members this year due to COVID-19 challenges of receiving renewals by mail over a two-month period while taking in new members at the same time. Any member contacting the Secretary after September 30th will be given a "one-time" late renewal to be noted on their membership record.

You Can Still Launch at the Port. The Port is open and our members are still able to use our ramp. Most of you know that the stripers and salmon are starting to come in this time of the year.

2021-2022 Officer and Board Member Election. Gary Voet, Roger Hanney and Tom Lee reported that the 2021-2022 Officer and Board Member Nominees are: Purser (Tom Harina), Board Member (Derbies) Rick Tietz, Board Member (Volunteers) Jim Breault. There have been no volunteers to serve as our Port Captain.

A big thanks to Charlie Kite who has served as Port Captain for 6 years!

Trailer Spaces Parking Policy

The limited trailer parking spaces inside and outside the gate are for members of the Port User Group (PUG), i.e. the Washington Outboard Club, River City Rowing Club, Lake Washington Sailing Club, and the UCD women's and men's rowing clubs.

There are signs posted that state "Parking for vehicles with trailers for the Port User Group". During the striper "season" in the port (generally October thru mid-March), traditionally those limited trailer parking spaces have been mostly used by members of WOC.

But the trailer parking spaces are open to all and not limited to just WOC during this heavy-use time.

Please beware of this policy and pass it along to other members as questions arise.

Some items to be aware of due to numerous “incidents” at our facility:

Fishing from the Docks Policy. W.O.C. members can fish off our and the LWSC dock. We are not permitted to fish off the Rowing Clubs docks. When a member is launching or retrieving their boat the member fishing from either of the docks must relocate or remove their rigs and gear from the water and dock so as to not hinder boating members. Rod holders are not be placed on ramp poles or signs.

Use of Our Gate, Launching and retrieving Your Boat Policy.

Members are required to lock the gate after entering or leaving unless another member says they will lock the gate.

It is expected that all members will completely rig your boat before approaching the launch ramp.

Approach the ramp on the extreme left side of the inner parking lot. Make a wide left turn before the sailboats on the point, stopping just before the ramp when another member is launching or retrieving their boat. When the ramp is free continue your turn clearing the LWSC Clubhouse and back your trailer in. Pull out and park your trailer inside or outside our gate.

There are two trailer parking spaces next to the LWSC Clubhouse and several against the rowing club’s barn. Do not block the “V” area to the right of the 2nd parking space to the right of the LWSC Clubhouse and to the left of the 1st barn trailer space as this is for Rowing Club skull access. Also, do not park in the last area of Rowing Club cement pad if it is being used (e.g. exercise equipment, exercise pads, etc. are there) as this is for Rowing Club access and exercise equipment.

It may be difficult to launch or retrieve your boat on a low tide. I

have a 20’ Northriver with a tandem trailer and can normally launch or retrieve it at 3.0’ low tide. Any smaller tide and I have to wait. Remember that there are two red marks on the side of our ramp. The first one also has a red mark on the ramp. If the red mark on the ramp is out of the water proceed with caution. The second red mark and the “End of Ramp” sign on the dock indicate the extreme farthest point your trailer wheel hub should reach. Check out our web site <http://washingtonoutboardclub.org/> Tides tab for the tides before your trip. The third column of tides is for the Port. Remember to add one hour during daylight savings time.

Upon take out your boat pull all the way to our gate or outside it in order to de-rig your boat.

Lake Washington Sailing Club Outdoor Boat Storage Yard Available to WOC Members.

Small trailer storage space 10'x15' \$25, Medium 10'x20' #5, large 11'x25' \$45/month.

The LWSC is renting dry storage spaces to other Peninsula User Group (PUG) club members as part of the non-member income that is allowable for a 501(c)(7) non-profit. The agreements will be with individuals, not with the clubs themselves.

The LWSC Port Captain, Bill Herion, can provide paper contracts to interested members. Contracts must be signed by the renter and the LWSC Port Captain. Email addresses are needed so the Treasurer can send invoices to the renters.

If you are interested in learning more contact the LWSC Port Captain: wsail.portcaptain@gmail.com

Club Activities Update: We will resume monthly Membership Meetings and other Club Activities When Yolo County reaches the Yellow Stage of Coronavirus Reopening <https://www.yolocounty.org/health-human-services/adults/communicable-disease-investigation-and-control/novel-coronavirus-2019/roadmap-to-recovery> . Red Stage permits: Mass gatherings, reopening of bars, large stadium events, concerts, sport arenas. Yolo County is at the Red Stage (7-day average of 4-7 new cases/100,000 persons/day, 7-day average of positive COVID-19 tests 5-8%) at this time. There is no estimate date for when Yolo County will reach the Yellow Stage (less than 1 new case/100,000 persons/day, positive COVID-19 tests 2%).

Applications for Membership. The Board decided to permit our Application for Membership to be available on our web site and electronic/mail in applications during the period of the coronavirus rules prohibit membership meetings. Text or e-mail applications are to be sent to our Secretary, Tom Lee, (916) 425-9205 tlee5960@sbcglobal.net . Mail in applications should be sent W.O.C. P.O. Box 1226, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Web Site Fishing Techniques. As we begin bringing in new members I want to draw all members attention to the <http://washingtonoutboardclub.org/>

Fishing Techniques tab and its month to month fishing techniques for the Port and Deep Water Shipping Channel.

Ramp Update. The Commodore is calling Ross Peabody and Cal Gladden weekly to learn when we can sit down and receive the plans, specifications and budget estimate for **replacement** of our ramp. We are also having Rich Altarcado and Chuck DeLucci come up with a plan, drawing & cost estimate for a **"Plan B" less than replacement "repair"** to the ramp as an alternative to replacing the ramp.

Fraternally yours,

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