

## **Commodore Message September 7, 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 379 mail-in renewals as of September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your Board decided to conduct renewals by mail in July. I received my Renewal Letter Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>. You should have received your renewal form in the mail no later than August 10<sup>th</sup>. There is a copy of the letter and Renewal form on our web site <http://washingtonoutboardclub.org/index.html> on the "Newsletter" tab as "August 2020". I've attached a copy of the Renewal Form in case you did not receive it. We will mail you your blue 2020-2021 Membership card and Window Sticker(s). In the meantime, your red card and window stickers will still be good. If you have renewed your membership advise any other members you know that they have until the end of September to renew theirs.

**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 start coming in around the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. If you find bird droppings on our docks and can take the time to broom & then wash them off with the water bucket please do so.

**Club Activities Update:** We will resume monthly Membership Meetings and other Club Activities When Yolo County reaches Stage 4 of Coronavirus Reopening <https://www.yolocounty.org/health-human-services/adults/communicable-disease-investigation-and-control/novel-coronavirus-2019/roadmap-to-recovery> . Stage 4 permits: Mass gatherings, reopening of bars, large stadium events, concerts, sport arenas. Yolo County is at Stage 2 at this time. There is no estimate date for Stage 4.

**September and October Striper Derbies Cancelled.** Out of an abundance of caution for our members' health the Board has decided to cancel both of our 2020 Derbies.

**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](mailto:tlee5960@sbcglobal.net) . Mail in applications should be sent W.O.C. P.O. Box 1226, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

**2020 New Members.** Vice Commodore Thurman Watson is contacting applicants to join the Club this Year. We began bring in new members

September 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have sponsored someone to join the Club please contact them and advise them, they may be contacted within the next two months. All West Sac applicants will be contacted and non-West Sac applicants who applied prior to February 2018 are likely to be contacted.

**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.

**Launching Your Boat.** As we begin to bring in new members a reminder to all that **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 yellow "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.

**Ramp Update.** Ross Peabody called me and said they were back to work and going to finish up our "Plan A" "ramp replacement" plans, specs and "budgeted" cost. 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.

**2021 Officer and Board Member Openings.** Purser. Board Member (Volunteers Coordinator), Board Member (Derbies and Angler of the Year Coordinator), Port Captain. A big thanks to Charlie Kite who has served as Port Captain for 6 years! If you are interested in any of the vacancies check out the job description on our web site "Volunteers" tab, talk to the current office holder or discuss with me.

Fraternally yours,

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