

Hello All:

This is a six-month update of things to come for the Washington Outboard Club.

#### **UPCOMING KEY DATES**

**7/31/24 - Last day to renew your membership.**

**8/15-11/1/24 - New Members brought on board.**

**10/19/24 - FALL FISHING DERBY**

**11/2/24 - ANGLER OF THE YEAR DINNER - New Venue**

#### **UPDATES**

**- Angler of the Year Dinner**

Due to limited space at the current VFW Hall in West Sacramento we have moved our Angler of the Year Dinner (dedicated to Gene Marzolf) to the Portugese Hall, 6676 Pocket Road, Sacramento 95831. The Hall can accomodate up to 500 people.

To keep up with the cost of food and prizes dinner tickets are now \$15.00 each and will be sold at the next 3 Membership Meetings in August, September and October until supplies last. We've increased the number of tickets from 150 to 300 tickets. Dinner will be served at 5:00.

**This is a BYOB event.** The WOC will be offering free water and soda for \$1.00 each. Due to the high cost for obtaining a liquor license no alcoholic beverages will be sold on the premise so bring your own booze!!!

### **- Fish in the City**

Member Dave Jans has taken the lead to work with the Department of Fish and Wildlife in running a Fish in the City event for children. We are hoping that we will be able to have the event at a local pond in the West Sacramento area. DFW is determining whether the ponds available meet the criteria needed to support the event.

### **- Key card vs. key access**

The Board is exploring the use of a key card entry to the main gate versus the key lock. As time has gone by many ex-members have not returned their gate key. About 95% of members who do not re-enroll keep their key. A key card entry system would allow the Club to delete former members' key designation from a Master list preventing them from gaining access to the Port. Additionally, replacement keys currently cost \$20.00 and a replacement key card would be less than \$5.00. This is in the early planning stages as we would have to work with all the other Port User Groups (PUG) to use this system.

The Board is looking for volunteers to take the lead in this project.

### **- Vacant Board Position**

The Board is in the process of filling our Purser position on January 1, 2025. Interested members should contact the Commodore. The Board would be willing to take on a new member to fill this position. The Purser duty statement is included in the WOC By-laws on our website.

### **- Incidentals**

There have been a number of individuals who will text back questions when an "All-Text" goes out to all Club members. Please remember that the Club's texting service does not have the capability to answer specific questions. When in doubt, go to our WOC Website for answers.

Remember that vehicles with trailers have priority parking inside the gate. A number of members have called in to let us know that non-trailer vehicles are parked inside the gate. You can ask them to move.

The Board looks forward to serving the WOC and appreciates any comments or ideas. Thank you. Tom.