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Change in Event Schedule

As previously scheduled, we were to have a Baked Potato Bar this Saturday, June 18th, from noon to 2:00. Looking at the forecast, rain is scheduled for that day. All day long with 55–58-degree temps. Too damp and cool for an event on the deck.

By cancelling, I am hoping to cause the "Reverse Psychology Effect" thus resulting in a beautiful 75-degree, sunny day.

Other events will be held throughout the summer. I update you as we know when the weather will cooperate.

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Reminder From WA State Department of Transportation

Hello from the Washington State Department of Transportation,

We want to remind mariners of federal regulations. The regulations require boats to navigate under the truss spans of the SR 104 Hood Canal bridge whenever possible. Regulations go onto say mariners should not request draw span passage if their vertical clearance is enough to use elevated areas of the bridge.

Here are the SR 104 Hood Canal Bridge truss heights (smallest vertical clearances at Mean High Water). Clearances vary based on tides and wave activity.

- Jefferson County (west) measures thirty-one feet
- Kitsap County (east) measures fifty feet

All vessel operators must know their mast height.

Please note that requesting an unneeded draw span opening is a reportable offense to the United States Coast Guard.

We thank you in advance for your adherence to the regulations. Bridge draw span openings that are not necessarily have a tremendous effect on people traveling across the bridge.

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Please see the attached printable flier. We encourage marina operators and others to print and display the flyer.

Also, here is a reminder of the seasonal restrictions to draw span openings. Between May 22 and Sept. 30, private vessels are prohibited from Hood Canal Bridge marine openings between 3 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Be Aware of Your Surroundings

I normally like to keep the newsletter as pleasant and upbeat as possible. Unfortunately, some recent events, in our own community, are bringing things too close to home for comfort.

- License Plate Swapping Vehicles in our own parking lots have been involved in a license plate swapping fraud. Unknown individuals are removing plates, putting them on other vehicles, driving toll bridges and returning the plates to other vehicles than the original. At this time, we do not know how many plates/cars are involved. Please check your license plates and make sure they are yours. If you find they are not, please contact the police. They have an open case regarding this.
- In the last 60 days there have been over a dozen fender benders in our upper and lower parking lots. Many of these were more than just a scrape. The sad thing is, no notes were left taking responsibility. We are human. If you bump and/or scrape someone's vehicle, leave a note or call the office with your contact information and a brief description of the other car. If your vehicle is damaged and you have received no information, please let me know. Our cameras in the lower lot can pick up some details.
- Vandalism in the marina facilities is on the rise again. Things break and stop working. If this happens, please just let the office know about it. Do not bang on or bend the item thinking that will fix the issue. We have had shelves pulled of the wall in the men's' room, coat hooks have been yanked off the walls in the lady's room. I have gone into the lady's restroom to find the trash can dumped on the floor and trash everywhere. Shower curtains have been yanked forcefully down in both men's and women's showers. If you walk in and find something in

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disarray, please shoot me off an email or call and provide me the time of day you were in the facility. It will help me narrow down to who is doing this.

Leash & Pick Up

- We love pets around here and even offer dog treats in the office. With treats comes waste and we are seeing dog waste on the docks and upper areas.
 Please make sure your dog is on a leash when off your boat. Also, pick up after them. There are two stations offering free pet waste disposal bags.
 Please use them.
- Leashes are not only for your animals' safety but the safety of other animals and humans. We often think we are told to put the leash on because our dog might be viewed as unfriendly or a danger. Recently at the BBQ on May 21st I witnessed this exact interaction.
 - Red Dog Owner (dog not on a leash): owner speaking as his dog runs over to blue dog. "Oh, he doesn't need a leash, because he is friendly and gets along with everyone."
 - Blue Dog Owner (dog on a leash): owner speaking as his dog is pounced upon by Red Dog and Blue dog proceeds to defend himself "your dog needs to be on leash because mine is not friendly with other dogs."
 - The Blue dog was perfectly fine even being near the Red dog. But the Red dog, being off leash and pouncing in the Blue dog, caused a scene and the owner of the Blue dog paid the consequences even though he was following the law. His dog was tormented and the

owner of the Red dog still did not see why he was in error. Red dog owner threatened to file charges against Blue dog owner because Red dog just wanted to play. I hope you are not like the Red dog owner and can see why leashes are so important.



• On a happy note, I hope eventually everyone gets to see the local rabbit walker. There is a young lady that has a long, black-haired rabbit on a leash and our deck is one of their favorite places to visit. I will try to get a picture next time. Brings a smile to my face every time I see that bunny.