

DOCK REPRESENTATIVE MEETING SUMMARY

June 13, 2009

ATTENDANCE

Port Authority staff in attendance included Harbormaster Tim Frame, Assistant Harbormaster of Administration Mary Ann Pawlicke and Assistant Harbormaster of Operations Dan Hoepf. Board members in attendance included Jonita Davis, John Haynes and Sam Johns.

Dock Representatives included:

- ❖ John Dickey: 100 Dock West
- ❖ Leo Barney: 400 Dock
- ❖ Dale Manuel: 500 Dock
- ❖ Keith Logan: 600 Dock
- ❖ Denise Watt: 600 Dock
- ❖ Ron Collins: 700 Dock
- ❖ Dick Morland: 700 Dock
- ❖ Kathy Sass: 800 Dock

Guest in attendance, Kevin Farthing from the 800 dock.

DISCUSSION FROM HARBORMASTER

Harbormaster Tim Frame discussed the following topics with the group:

All umbrellas supplied at the picnic tables throughout the marina are now equipped with ties to keep them in place when not in use. Simply pulled the tie down around the stand when umbrella is open and replace before you leave. This will prevent them from becoming damaged during storms or high winds.

The office has experienced numerous complaints regarding children fishing around the east jet ski docks, particularly off the 800 dock. Port Authority regulations specify no fishing within the marina basin; a sign will be posted in this area.

The office has again received numerous complaints about unleashed dogs. In particular, a slip holder on the 800 dock apparently has their pet on a muzzle as it has been reported to be rather aggressive, but removes it while on the dock. We would appreciate it if the owner would report to the Harbormaster.

Per recent inquires about adding new dock representatives, the Harbormaster feels it is only necessary to have one (1) per dock (present reps excluded) with the exception of the 700 & 800 docks. Due to the additional boaters, two (2) reps per dock would be acceptable. However, it is preferable to invite a slip holder from each end to better represent all boaters along the dock. In addition, we may begin to rotate the representatives each season beginning in 2010 so as to have representation from other boaters. Anyone interested in becoming a dock representative should submit their name to the Harbormaster.

Harbormaster Frame reviewed pictures of the proposed NIPSCO boat launch.

During the previous meeting, Harbormaster Frame informed the group "Dock Party Forms" will need to be completed prior to any major event. Those forms are now available at the office.

The new Port Authority commercial will be ready to view on public access television in the next few weeks. In addition, we are having an advertising brochure printed which will be available to in a week or two.

Transient key fobs can be returned to office after hours by the following:

1. Drop boxes have been placed at gates around the marina.
2. Drop slot at counter in main office building.
3. Hand in to dock attendant.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION FROM DOCK REPRESENTATIVES

The City Council has passed the resolution prohibiting the feeding of birds throughout the park and marina. Signs will be posted and fines will be issued anywhere from \$50 to \$7,500.

Due to the buildup of algae and mildew, Keith Logan requested the dock boxes be pressure washed along the 600 dock.

The storage of sailboats during the winter months was discussed. Unfortunately the Port Authority's status has not change on this issue as we are unable to control water levels to and from the Trail Creek Marina haul out area. Sam Johns explained the M.C.P.A. has been diligently working for over two (2) years with the Army COE, IDEM and DNR to approve the dredge project. All permits and testing have been submitted; the Army COE will review again in July of this year. A handful of sail boaters that stored with us this past winter are still dry-docked as they are unable to navigate the channel, notices were sent out to all winter storage customers advising them to find an alternate storage facility as we could not guarantee the feasibility of their haul out or launch.

Although the proposal of recycling had been discussed previously, Harbormaster Frame informed the group this project will be put on hold this season until we can determine a better way to have the recycle bins used appropriately and not as garbage dumpsters.

It was suggested that the safety ladders located at the end of each dock be clearly marked by indicating with reflective tape and painting "*emergency ladder*" directly on the docks. Many slip holders tend to block these areas and tie equipment to the ladders causing a safety issue.

Dock representatives would like to have some type of lock or latch installed onto the shower stalls in the bath houses located on the east side of the marina.

Kathy Sass requested dock rails be installed at the beginning of the 800 dock. Harbormaster Frame will take a look at the area to determine if they are necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting concluded at 11:00 a.m.