



# Leschi & Lakewood Marina Newsletter

TIME TO WINTERIZE

IN THIS ISSUE

## The Wonders of Winter

by Craig Perry

### Baby it's cold outside!

Time will tell what this Fall and Winter will bring, El Nino? An unexpected storm? One thing is true as boaters in the PNW we tend to be prepared for anything and always look out for our neighbors. I have enjoyed the sense of community that is here at the marinas, the camaraderie and helping hand so many of you lend. As the Winter solstice nears and our days start getting a little longer I expect we will start seeing more of you preparing for the 2019 boating season. Until then please make an effort to visit your boat, batton down the hatches, adjust your lines, secure the floaties and tie down the tarps.

### Customer Appreciation Day

Thanks to all who made it out to our customer appreciation days! It was great to meet so many of you and see everyone enjoying themselves.

### It's the Law to be Licensed

If you are 14 years old or older in Washington State it is required you have a boating license to operate motorized vessel of 15 horsepower or greater. The winter months are a great time to take, update or renew your license online.

[Boater exam](#)

### Safety Reminder

As the cold weather rolls in and the lake water freezes always remember it is never safe to test the thickness or try to be out on it. Stay safe and enjoy the view from the docks and lakeshore.



### Winter is coming, we are here!

The lakeshore is bustling all winter no matter the season; there is always a reason to be by the lake. Christmas Ships, a loop around Seward Park or a walk, run or ride to Leschi with the lake by your side. Page 3



### To use a snubber or not....

That is the question. Snubbers give your lines and the docks a break with the incoming heavy winter weather, read more on Page 4



*Don't be left out in the cold saying if only I would have, I probably should have. Marty McComber lends us all some handy and timeless advice with printable checklists for the winterizing of our boats.*



## The essential PNW boat winterization checklist

by Marty McComber

### DON'T BE A STRANGER

Marty suggests visit your boat every few weeks during the winter, especially before and after a storm. And if you see something amiss with a neighboring vessel, tell the marina or call the emergency contact number on the boat (if they have one).

Marina Office (206) 900-1053

As the first fall storms whip through area marinas and boatyards, it will be easy to identify the prepared from the ill prepared. For some, halyards will be restrained properly, dock lines and fenders will be set with care, and down below, the batteries will be topped up while a dehumidifier keeps away mold and mildew.

But many boats will be left unprepared for the impending storms of the season. Sails will come unfurled only to be turned to rags by high winds, fuel tanks will generate filter clogging condensation and algae, dock lines will chafe through before being replaced by a trusty live-aboard neighbor, and dinghies will be left to collect a season's worth of water.

Of course, the impending onset of winter doesn't keep every boater from getting out on the water in the Pacific Northwest. But for those who

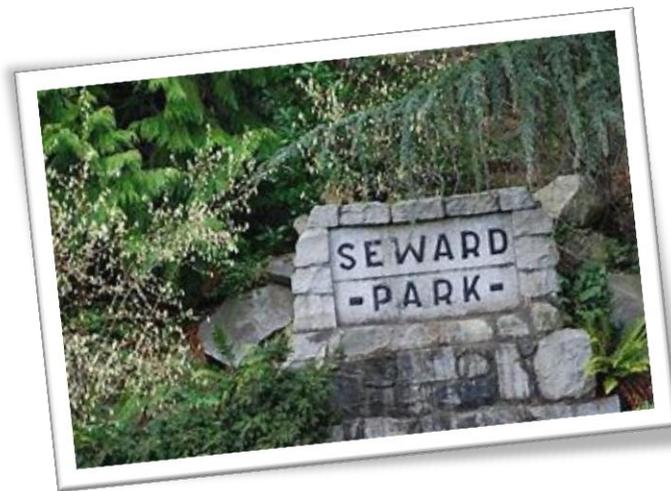
use their boats less frequently during the wetter, windier, colder and darker months of the year, it's prudent to properly prepare your vessel for the season. And if you don't use your boat at all, it's a good idea to thoroughly decommission it so it's prepared to rest comfortably in its slip or cradle.

No matter how much you use your boat during the winter, though, completing some portion of a checklist will make it easier to commission and use it once the spring sunshine breaks through the clouds.

[Winterizing your boat](#) is a list of items to help you keep tabs on all the particulars of winterization, which can be customized and updated to fit how you use your boat.

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Enjoy one of several walks, talks or other events with the Seward Park Audubon this winter. There is something for the whole family. [Seward Park Audubon Activities](#) or shop at the Clay Studio [Seward Park Clay Studio Holiday Sale](#)



## Seward Park in the Winter

### Audubon is active in the park

The Seward Park Audubon Center's mission and vision is to cultivate wonder and nurture curiosity of the natural world through environmental science, outdoor exploration, and play! To inspire diverse audiences to protect birds and the place they need, today and tomorrow. [Seward Park Audubon](#)

### BIRDING IN YOUR BACK YARD

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Did you know over 100 species of birds have been spotted in Seward Park? 40 of which are water fowl.



## Christmas Ships are coming

### Mark the calendar!

Christmas ships are coming to the lake with a shoreside bon fire and caroling.

Bring a blanket, something warm to drink, join your neighbors in the uniqueness of a PNW tradition. For the full Christmas ship schedule visit [2018 Argosy Christmas Ships](#)

### DATES & TIMES

**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Choir: [Seattle Girls Choir](#)  
[Madrona Beach Park](#) @ 7:55 PM

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Choir: [Bellevue Youth Choirs](#)  
[Seward Park](#) @ 3:05 PM

**Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Choir: [The Dickens Carolers](#)  
[Mount Baker Beach](#) @ 7:40 PM  
[Stan Sayres Park](#) @ 8:15 PM  
[Ferdinand St Park](#) @ 8:50 PM

# Around the Docks

## Lake Levels are on the Rise

Lake levels will be rising this winter, visit your boat and check your lines. [Annual refilling of Lake Washington](#) information by the Corps of Engineers can be found here.

## Keeping the Marinas Secure

Thanks for all the efforts in keeping our gates shut and not propped open. We are finding fewer uninvited people on the docks that have snuck in through the open gates. For the safety of all and the security of your property PLEASE DO NOT prop the gates open.

## Remember

If you see something, say something.  
Report it to the office (206) 900-1053

## Boat Rental Programs

You might be tempted with a boat rental program. These programs are not permitted at the marinas for the safety of your property and your neighbors.

## Fall & Winter Hours

We are operating winter hours:  
10am – 4pm, Monday through Saturday.  
**Thanksgiving 11/22 & 11/23 -- Closed**  
**Christmas Eve 12/24 – 10:00am - Noon**  
**Christmas Day 12/25 – Closed**  
**New Years Eve 12/31 – 10:00 am – 2 pm**  
**New Years Day 1/1/2019 – Closed**



## Easing the blow with Snubbers

The Fall and Winter storms will pound your boat and the docks. One way to protect them both and keep the cleats intact would be for tenants to use snubbers on your mooring lines. The snubbers reduce the shock from boat wakes that come crashing into the marina. You can find the snubbers at West Marine and Fisheries Supply. Please let us know if you have any questions about snubbers and how they will help the marinas.

*Our friends at Fisheries Supply are recommending Shockles Line Snubber Item #435180 Pictured left*  
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