

THE RIVER'S CURRENT

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Counting Down til' Spring Launch

It's almost time to uncover the boat, start your fix-up list, and get it in the water! But before that, there's some important tasks to complete.... ya know, so your boat is in tip-top shape for the 2018 boating season. Here's some pointers:

- 1. Registration:** In Minnesota, boats have to renew their registration every 3 years. DMV and License Centers can help you with this.
- 2. Check your Safety Equipment:** Items like flashlights, life jackets (PFD), and fire extinguishers can have short life spans. Update them now so you don't forget while having so much fun.
- 3. Potential Fire Hazards:** Cook-tops and stoves should be checked for loose fittings and leaking hoses. Any rusty cans should be taken off your vessel and disposed of properly.
- 4. Battery:** Make sure it's charged. It's a good idea to check your connections and clean them with a wire brush.
- 5. Engine Oil:** Change oil & filters (keep spare on board), check & change fuel filters (keep spares on board), check cooling system and change coolant if needed, check impeller, check transmission fluid, check and clean water filter, check bilge blower *AND* don't forget to record the date!
- 6. CO² Detectors:** Effective date of Sophia's Law is May 1, 2018. If your boat is run on gas or diesel and has an enclosed occupancy space, you need to have marine carbon monoxide detectors. They need to be in any designated sleeping accommodations, and the main cabin. Boats who run on gas also need to display a safety sticker in each mandatory area (not diesel boats). *You can find the safety stickers in our office, provided by the MN DNR. They should have sent them to you also.*
- 7. Inspect your Blower:** Boats with inboard gasoline engines have to run a blower for a few minutes prior to starting the engine, to clear out any heavier than air gasoline fumes from the engine compartment. Before you get launched, make sure your blower is fully functioning for the safety of yourself and others.

Sources: MN DNR, BoatUS, United Marine Online

EVENTS

LUAU HAPPY HOUR - "get ready for the water"

Fri. 03-16 / Starts @ 5:00pm / Mississippi Pub / Complimentary Food / Cash Bar

Marina Events to Mark on Your Calendar:

- Safety Day: Sunday, April 15 (10:00am - 2:00pm)
 - Season Kick-Off BBQ: Saturday, May 26
 - Pier Crawl 3: Saturday, June 23
- Kaposia Days Boat Parade: Sunday, June 24 (Tentative)
- Annual Sail Away to Treasure Island Resort & Casino: August 17-19
 - September S'More Please: September 22

BOATING TIPS



FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM vs. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

It doesn't matter what your boat has.

Whatever it is - "it" should be thoroughly checked and recharged when needed.

Becker Fire & Safety will be on site Sunday, April 15th from 10:00am - 2:00pm.
It's our 1st Annual Safety Day!

Marina Rule in Review

Rule B. INSURANCE & LIABILITY 8. NO Subcontractor/Independent Contractor(s) are allowed access to the Marina property including leased slips or moored vessels without proper evidence of insurance provided to River Heights Marina Office as noted in paragraphs 1 and 2 (House Rules & Regulations booklet), including Workers Compensation Coverage/Employers Liability, current certificate of liability insurance listing River Heights Marina as additional insured (\$1,000,000.00 minimum). Worker's Compensation is not required for independent contractors with no employees; however, they are required to sign a waiver of liability.

If you do not have a current copy of our House Rules & Regulations, please request a copy from the office.