

Marine Facilities Coordinator Quarterly Report

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Dock/Beach area

- Skiff float problem of allegedly causing punctures of charter boat inflatable dinghies early this summer was for the most part remedied through regular inspection and maintenance of protruding fasteners, scraping of barnacles on lower edge of skiff float at low tide, and through talking to charter boat captains about tying inflatables off on sheet pile end of dock instead of using skiff floats.
- Bumper boards on outer edge of dock floats are becoming worn and some have fallen off. I added fasteners to some existing boards and plan on replacing missing boards and doing thorough inspection of existing boards after floats have been moved into the river for safety and ease of installation.
- Collar bolts on main float tend to loosen over time requiring regular tightening. Will look into solutions to prevent this such as lock washers, lock tight, maybe a bigger wrench.
- Logs placed along side of dock road have been a success at preventing further illegal off road activity. Evidence of motorcycle tracks were observed 2 or 3 times since logs were placed but caused only minimal damage. We lost a couple of no vehicle and no camping signs due to theft however logs have prevented any further off road activity and I haven't seen a problem with illegal camping. Not sure if these signs are now needed.
- Kids don't float and courtesy life jacket program is a success although they do tend to disappear fairly rapidly which caused a shortage of some sizes. Mainly adult. We have contacted the program about obtaining more for next year and should be resupplied by next summer.

Bathrooms/trash and recycling cans

- Evidence of home and boater trash and recycling being dumped regularly throughout the summer. Sometimes containers were filled up daily. I installed aluminum plates with 5 inch holes over each trash and recycling can. The idea was to prevent the dumping of large items and required illegal dumping culprits to break down their garbage to fit into cans which hopefully would discourage the problem to continue. This may have discouraged some but I ended up just getting excessive amounts of trash that was broken up into smaller portions. A seasonal problem that has not continued into this off season.
- Occasional dumping of honey buckets into toilets throughout summer. Sometimes spilling on floor and causing a major cleaning. I installed a sign, No honey buckets, on front of bathrooms and may have actually had an affect on slowing the practice down somewhat. I had no issues with this after putting up the sign.

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Boat harbor

- Built forms, poured concrete slab, and installed new trash, recycling, and fish waste disposal containers in boat harbor near marine facilities shed. Opened up new disposal site on August 9. Fish waste disposal started slowly but picked up after word got out. From August 14 until September 9 there was fish waste to remove daily. Sometimes stinky and rotten and sometimes up to 75 lbs. After the first weekend where fish sat in container for 3 days I ended up closing it on weekends. The fish waste container needs to be emptied daily. Free fish waste disposal was obviously more preferred than paying for disposal at DRC. This is an issue that needs to be addressed. Most people were choosing the free option. I don't have a problem emptying the bin, I think we just need to make fish disposal free at DRC to prevent the excessive dumping of fish in the bin. Ideas anyone? I closed the boat harbor fish waste container on AUGUST 9 due to this discrepancy.
- We had one instance of fish being dumped next to boat harbor launch ramp after fish waste receptacle was opened for usage
- Investigated the possibility of having water supply near boat harbor trash and fish waste cans that would provide water for cleaning fish waste container and potentially be available for residents for rinsing off boats and trailers etc. I discussed this with local contractor who said a branch off the DRC water supply may be most cost effective option entailing running 300 foot line from DRC to boat harbor shed area and installing a hydrant valve which would not need to be drained yearly. Seems like a good idea that could be put in use next summer. Currently I have a rainwater catchment from shed.

Misc.

- No major issues with charter boat operators. Fish dumping issues from dock seemed minimal and sea lion activity appeared to have dropped around the dock area.
- There were several very stormy days at dock where I observed some dangerous situations. I spent 3 hours on September 1 securing skiffs and assisting charter boats with unloading passengers. Dock was thrashing violently as passengers attempted to offload. One passenger came very close to falling between dock and boat they were offloading from. I and another passenger grabbed him and pulled to safety. The open exposure of our dock needs to be addressed. I don't have the answer. Periodic dock safety discussions might bring in some ideas to address the problem.

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