

Lagoon Point Newsletter

January 2001

ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY

March 17th at the Greenbank Clubhouse
Put it on your calendar. Details next month.
Volunteers needed to help with LP parties.
It's a great way to make friends in LP, and
have fun in the process. Please call Kathryn
Bennett @ 222-3159 or 678-1125.

LADIES COFFEE

Fifteen ladies attended the first coffee
together. The most popular of several
activities discussed was: "Lunch and Look". A
trip is planned for January 22nd to walk on
the ferry to Edmonds and explore the town,
have lunch, etc. Other topics for groups
were: Book Club, Golf, Aerobics, Quilting,
Ceramics among several others. Attend the
next coffee February 16th at 1:PM at Janet
Bondelid's home 3643 Steelhead, to see what
develops.

DREDGING UPDATE

The dredging committee met at my place on
January 8th. We are currently discussing the
best way to achieve our goals of providing a
community dock for short-term tie ups, and
finding out the reason(s) for the relatively
quick re-siltation of the entrance since the
last dredging. A couple of theories have been
presented so far. We are also investigating
the replacement of the piling wall along the
north side of the canal east of the boat
launch. The pilings hold back the street, but
are rotting at a rather alarming rate.
As several improvements are needed, it is
important to arrange a proper order. This is
where things stand now.

We want to make our community better, and at
the least possible cost to everyone. As it is
obviously better for all of us to know the facts,
we will not have a ballot on the subject until we
have sufficient information to vote.

**I would much rather be writing about
catching salmon, sailing, or some other
pleasant topic, but this is IMPORTANT!**

LOOSE BOATS AND DOCKS

On a sunny September day, many years ago
while visiting Skyline Marina in Anacortes, I
noticed a few boats tied up with doubled BIG
diameter lines, and lots of chafe protection.
It seemed like overkill, but when I asked
someone about it, they said, "You should see it
here in a month or so. We get BIG WINDS in
winter, 60 plus knots ". All of a sudden, it
made sense.

The awful truth is, if you have a boat tied up
to a dock in LP, it's a target. (*I can hear you
now, saying "Oh boy, here Steve goes again..."*)
Every year, boats and docks get loose because
of owner indifference, and neglect. This year
is no different. One dock, which went
sideways in the canal last year, let another
boat loose recently, thanks to rot.

This is nothing new to full timers at LP, but for
you summertime people that keep a boat here,
please note, **this is what happens regularly in
the winter.** The wind is strong enough to
**blow off the tops of waves and suck it up
into the air, becoming spray.** Boats buck
and heel; docks creak and move back and forth
with motions you wouldn't think possible. You
can watch **pilings bend.**

**WITH A DOUBLING OF THE WIND
SPEED, THE FORCES ARE SQUARED,
AND THE POWER IS CUBED.**

10 knots has 8 times the power of 5 knots.
20 knots has 64 times the power.
40 knots has 512 times the power of 5 knots.
60 knots has, well, you get my drift.
No wonder things break!

That's just the static load, and doesn't take into account any jerking caused by boat motion, which can be several times as much. This is where snubbers are valuable. They spread the change in load over the time during boat motion, acting like a shock absorber.

While ok in summertime, tying one or more boats to a dock where the boats extend past the end piling is asking for trouble in wintertime. Leverage on the pilings can be extreme during storms. If your dock has only 2 pilings, you should have only ONE boat on the dock, and it should be in the middle of the dock. Lines tied to the ends are ok. As a general rule, boats should face south in wintertime, as we usually get the strongest winds from the south. Most boats are more streamlined, and will generate less force if facing the wind.

Wood screws or lag bolts, holding cleats WON'T MAKE IT when it comes to holding any boat, especially a big one tied up with its stern to the wind, with full canvas. If you are not going to use your boat in the winter, **TAKE DOWN THE CANVAS**. Left up, it's just a big sail, and it gets worn and dirty.

Cleats (and surrounding wood) HAVE GOT TO BE THRU BOLTED, AND THE WOOD MUST NOT BE ROTTEN.

New 3 strand nylon or polyester docklines with snubbers are relatively cheap insurance. Give your dock cleats a hard kick with a boot. If they move at all, fix them. If you are afraid you'll damage your cleats by kicking them, use them for paperweights only, as they are insufficient to hold a boat in a storm. The rest of LP full time canal residents should not have to risk life and limb at all hours during a storm, to rescue your boat or dock. If you want advice ask me or anyone with a "big boat". It's in EVERYONE'S interest to have secure docks and boats.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

I want to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Bobbi Bixby, Judy Miller and Margo Lane for the help they provided to a neighbor on Smugglers Cove Road who is recovering from a very serious surgery.

A neighbor who was left off the Passing Away list was Jack Moody...

Thank you for correcting these oversights... **SUZANNE HOEL**

BULLETIN BOARD

- **Wanted: 3 to 9 horsepower outboard with long shaft. Call Brian Holmes @ (360) 678-8874.** 11/00
- **Lost, Yellow and grey 3 person inflatable raft, sometime in the last 2 months, west canal. 678-6775** 11/00
- **2 year old twin mattress, boxspring, frame, complete with flannel sheets seldom used. \$100. 222-3118** 10/00

- Need sewing done? Experienced seamstress. I also have many baby afghans and a few baby quilts made up, but can take orders, great handmade gifts, for a shower. Monica Vierra 678-6310 0/00

- Notary services in Lagoon Point, free for LP'ers. Suzanne Hoel 678-6579 0/00

- LP HERON SWEATS and T's Available in several sizes, these benefit "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", our own, voluntary LP help organization. Janet, 678-6156 or Bobbi, 678-7422. 0/00

- House sitter. Exp. dogs, cats, horses, and plants. Exc. ref's, my dad is president! Rebecca Bondelid 222-3182 0/00

- Exp'd. 13 year old girl to baby sit your small children. Infant and child CPR. Certified baby sitter. Ref's. \$3.50/child \$2.00 add'l./child. Kelly. 678-2913 or 222-3045 0/00

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