



Shangri-La Marina Newsletter
October 1, 2021

IT'S TIME TO SCHEDULE WINTERIZATION

October is one of the very best Grand Lake boating months of the year on Grand Lake; but we realize many busy boaters still mark their calendars as Labor Day weekend for their last hurrah on the water. If you fall into that category, you should avoid the rush by having your boat winterized now. Even if you don't plan to wrap up your boating for the year until later, you should go ahead and schedule a date for the winterization of your boat.

The average date for the first freeze in the Grand Lake area is historically the last week of October. A light overnight freeze of a few hours won't impact your boat. If we experience a sudden unexpected hard freeze, and your boat is on a lift, it should be dropped into the water to ensure protection of your engine. Unless you have bilge heaters and protection for water systems on your boat, I recommend winterizing your boat no later than November 15. If your boat is at Shangri-La Marina, contact Tyler Sourjohn at Nichols Marine (918-257-5500) to get on the schedule for winterization, oil changes, outdrive service and any cosmetic repairs you may need before next Spring.

If you plan to boat throughout the winter – or deep into the fall months in a boat with inboard or I/O engine(s), you may want to consider adding bilge heaters to prevent damage during an unexpected freeze. Like all things these days, it takes a while to get heaters in stock and installed – so contact Tyler Sourjohn and get them ordered soon, if you plan to use your boat in chilly weather.

If your boat is equipped with outboard power, you don't need to winterize your engine(s) as long as your boat is kept on a lift or a trailer so the water can drain from your engine(s) after each excursion.

Plan ahead. If you have a holding tank on your boat, contact us about getting it pumped out. You would be wise, if possible, to winterize your onboard water systems earlier than you winterize your engines and generator (if you have one). Advance planning prevents problems!

UPDATED BOAT RENTAL INFORMATION

Sail Grand is closed on Wednesdays during the month of October. During the remaining days of the week, pontoon, triton, and ski boat rentals are available, but rentals are being handled at the Ship Store instead of the Sail Grand location during the month of October. Yacht charters are still available, as well.

You can pre-schedule your rental boat by calling 918-257-6000 – or you can reserve a boat online at www.sailgrand.com.

LAKE LEVEL IS LOWER!

The Grand Lake water level has been dropped for the winter. Be careful out there! The October-April lake elevation is two feet lower (742') than the target summer months elevation (744'). Some areas that were deep enough for safe boating during the summer may be dangerously shallow now. Be particularly aware of areas around Patricia Island, Governor's Island, Bird Island, Horse Creek and the northern areas of Elk River. GRDA will begin raising the lake level for next summer on May 1, 2022.

THE SHIP STORE IS OPEN AND STOCKED!

Our ship store is open year-round offering a variety of merchandise for boaters - fuel, oil, gear lube, dock lines, fenders, life jackets, cleaning supplies and air pumps for those inflatable water toys – but there is so much more.

We have a great selection of lightweight women's hoodies, as well as the regular style hoodies. With cooler weather at hand, stop by and check out our supply of hoodies, long sleeve button-up shirts, long-sleeved tees, and all-weather gear. Cooler temperatures, of course, don't mean any less exposure to the sun; so, for boaters who spend long days on the water, we also have long-sleeve sunscreen T-Shirts with a built in RPF 50+ protection from the sun.

Ice, beer, snacks and soft drinks are available in the Ship Store including all your favorite ice cream treats; and a great supply of items you might not have realized you needed until you arrived at the lake. The Epoch, Solaray, and Maui Jim sunglass cases are full; and we have chargers, USB cables and other accessories that are so important in this age of social media and constant communication. We also have some terrific souvenir items including the very popular logoed Yeti Tumblers.

THERE'S STILL PLENTY TO DO!

The Anchor Activity Park has made Shangri-La the ultimate year-round destination. With The huge video walls at The Anchor make it the best spot in the entire Grand Lake area for the big college football Saturdays. With the addition of NFL Sunday Ticket to the football line-up at The Anchor, it is THE place to be to make certain you catch your favorite pro team, as well.

There is also plenty of live musical entertainment every Friday night this month at Doc's Bar & Grill, with *Clint Ingram, Franklin Birt, Cory Lee, Jon Moody, and Jamy Hooper* all waiting in the wings for musical fun throughout the month in addition to *Jason Morgan's* regular Thursday night karaoke fun at Doc's.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sail Grand Waterfront boat rentals are now closed on Wednesdays, but the marina, ship store, and fuel dock continue to be open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday. The marina is open year-round. When Daylight Saving Time ends November 7, we will remain open six days a week throughout the winter.

As always, our crew is here for you if you need anything at all.

Mitch Whitehead
Shangri-La Marina Manager

