



Shangri-La Marina Newsletter
March 1, 2023

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” Charles Dickens wasn’t describing February 2023 at Grand Lake, but he certainly could have been. We fought through icy, cold, windy days where we could barely get to the marina; and we had beautiful 65-degree sunny days with year-round boaters pulling up to the fuel dock. March weather in Oklahoma is unpredictable, as well, but we are sure to start having more good boating days than bad.

“Welcome Back Weekend” is upon us; and March 12, Daylight Saving Time returns. Not only will we have more hours of daylight, but they will finally be at the end of the day where we can best utilize them. March 20 is the official First Day of Spring. We will begin dewinterizing the marina and restoring water service to all the slips during the week leading up to that date.

IT’S TIME TO THINK ABOUT DEWINTERIZING YOUR BOAT

With Spring on the near horizon, it’s time to plan the dewinterization of your boat to make sure it’s ready for those great Spring days on the water! The average date of the last light freeze at Grand Lake is March 31 – and March freezes are typically light freezes and short-lived.

As is the case for winterization in the Fall, service technicians can’t get to all the boats in a single day, so now is the time to get on the calendar for dewinterization.

If your boat is at Shangri-La Marina, contact Service Manager Monte Langley at Nichols Marine to schedule your date to make sure your boat is ready for the water. Call 918-257-5500 or email him at monte.nicholsmarine@gmail.com.

If you need cosmetic repairs or engine/outdrive service, this is the perfect time to make sure those issues are taken care of, as well.

DO YOU NEED A NEW DOCK LOCKER?

I am preparing an order to be placed this month for dock lockers for a number of Shangri-La slip renters. If you need a dock locker, give me a call as soon as you can so we can make sure your new locker arrives and is installed before we start another busy boating season.

As a reminder, only Dock Box Unlimited brand dock lockers are allowed at Shangri-La Marina in order to maintain uniformity and an attractive and consistent look on the docks. We buy in bulk to save you additional money, so please get on the list for our next order if it’s something you need at your slip.

Both upright and horizontal dock boxes are available. I’m happy to show you a sample if you would like to check out the high quality – or you can see all the available models at www.dockboxes.com. Let me know which model best suits your needs and I’ll get it ordered for you. We’ll be happy to install it for you at your slip.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY 6 – PARTY TIME!

It's early, I know – but please mark your calendar to join us at Eddy's Lakeside Bar Saturday, May 6 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for a Customer Appreciation Luau for our valued slip renters at Shangri-La Marina as well as customers of Nichols Marine. COVID messed up our party plans for the past couple of years, so we're ready for a great time.

In addition to our party on Saturday, May 6, we will also have an in-water boat show on the sales dock at the marina. Things are finally back to normal in the boat sales industry, so inventory selections of Chaparral, Bennington, Robalo, and MasterCraft boats is excellent.

Many of the new boats are located at the Nichols showroom adjacent to the causeway onto Monkey Island, but we will also have a variety of new and used boats in the sales dock at the marina. If you didn't have the opportunity to pick out the new boat of your choice at the January boat shows, we still have a fantastic selection available, and more new models are arriving each week – and we're planning a great in-water show the first weekend of May.

With more than 50 years of dependable sales & service, Nichols Marine is one of the largest dealers in this part of the United States; and we are proud of our operating partnership with them. In addition to their operation at Shangri-La Marina, they have a sales & service center on Monkey Island and additional locations in Tulsa, Norman, McAlester, and Longview, Texas. The full inventory is online at www.nicholsmarine.com.

BOAT LIFTS, TOO!

If you picked out a new boat at one of the January boat shows – or if you have your eye on a new model that requires a boat lift, Shangri-La Marina is one of the largest HydroHoist dealers in the area. We are happy to help you with the purchase of the perfect lift to protect your new boat. Boat lift delivery and installation still requires a little lead time, so don't put off ordering what you need for your next boat!

YEAR-ROUND BOATING ACCESS TO FOOD AND FUN AT SHANGRI-LA!

With boating activity picking up this month, I want to remind everyone that courtesy slips at Shangri-La Marina remain open and accessible year-round – and Doc's Bar & Grill is the only accessible-by-water restaurant that is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner seven days a week year-round! Thursday evenings are a great time to boat to Shangri-La for the weekly karaoke fun and Singo competition with *Jason Morgan*! Doc's also features weekly Friday night live entertainment year-round. February Friday night live entertainment at Doc's includes great entertainers throughout the month – *Kevin Price, Chloe Johns, Gusto Dave Jackson, Mark Gibson, and Clint Ingram*.

The Anchor is also within walking distance of our courtesy docks with lots of indoor and outdoor fun seven days a week, including every major sporting event on our giant video walls. March Madness time will be here in a few days, so plan to come join the fun – by boat!

As always, our marina team is here to serve you. Contact us at 918-257-4898 or email marina@shangrilaok.com.

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