



***Shangri-La Marina Newsletter
December 1, 2023***

Winter officially arrives on the calendar at 9:27 p.m. Thursday, December 21 – but it has already arrived at Shangri-La Marina. The marina has been winterized. There is no water on the docks and pump-out facilities have been winterized for the season.

If you haven't already done so, and your boat isn't equipped with bilge heating systems for winter boating, it's past time to get your boat winterized, as well. Even if you plan to boat through the winter, it's still a good idea to winterize your water and waste systems to avoid any problem with freezing lines. If you have been holding off to use your boat in the December 9 Christmas Lights Boat Parade, be sure you are scheduled for winterization immediately afterward. If you are not planning to winterize, please be sure we are aware so we can keep an extra eye on it when the weather gets unbearable.

If your boat is in Shangri-La Marina, contact Nichols Marine at 918-257-5500 to schedule your winterization. This is also the perfect time to schedule any service or repair work you might need to make sure your boat is ready when springtime strikes.

SHIP STORE HOURS – AND OUR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Shangri-La Marina is open year-round to accommodate the increasing number of boaters who like to take advantage of those inevitable nice days during the winter months. The Ship Store is open with supplies, gas, and diesel. We will continue our six-day-a-week hours of operation throughout the winter - Monday-Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – with the exception of the two upcoming holiday weekends.

PLEASE NOTE: Shangri-La Marina will be closed Saturday-Monday, December 23-25 and again Saturday- Monday, December 30-January 1 to allow our crew some time to enjoy the holidays with their families.

GET READY – IT'S BOAT SHOW TIME!

Boat fever began with the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show last month, and Grand Lakers are already getting the itch for newer and bigger options. Mark your calendars for the two biggest boat shows of the year – The Oklahoma Boat Expo at Tulsa's Cox Convention Center January 5-7 and the Oklahoma City Boat & RV Show at the Bennett Event Center at the OKC Fairgrounds January 12-14.

The Nichols Marine crew will be on hand with the biggest display of new boat options at each show – Chaparral, Bennington, Robalo, MasterCraft and a great selection of bass boats, as well. The big January boat shows provide a great opportunity to pick your favorites from all the Nichols locations – Shangri-La, Monkey Island, Tulsa, Norman, McAlester and Longview, TX.

LOTS OF NEW SHIP STORE MERCHANDISE

With cooler weather, Lyn has laid out some terrific outerwear, including an awesome new line of Shangri-La Marina hoodies. We're still taking care of your snacks, beverages, and ice – and, of course, we have a great selection of souvenirs, apparel, caps, hats, and footwear, along with a full line of boating supplies. It's a great place to wrap up your Christmas shopping with some unique and memorable gifts.

FOOD AND FUN IS AVAILABLE BY BOAT YEAR-ROUND

Doc's Bar & Grill at Shangri-La is the only restaurant on Grand Lake that offers three meals a day seven days a week – and it's right across the parking lot from our courtesy slips. There's no need to continue posting those “what's available by water to get something to eat?” social media questions. No matter what day or what meal, the answer is – “Doc's at Shangri-La.”

The weekly musical entertainment is a year-round offering at Doc's. *Jason Morgan* hosts great karaoke fun every Thursday night, and the December lineup of live entertainment on Friday nights at Doc's includes *Kevin Price, Mark Gibson, Ryan Graham, JR Neal, and Scott Musick.*

SPORTING EVENTS AND TRIVIA AT THE ANCHOR...BY BOAT!

The Anchor is also within walking distance of our courtesy docks with lots of indoor fun seven days a week, so plan to come join the fun – even by boat! With Winter hours of operation in effect, The Anchor doesn't open until 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, but the fun starts at 10:00 on Saturday mornings and 11:00 on Sundays – and great bar snacks are available from The Galley Friday-Sunday.

December 15 is particularly important at The Anchor. That's the date of the annual Anchor Christmas Party, scheduled from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Both Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand for photo opportunities. There will be lots of great treats, and Ugly Sweater contest and, for pickleball players, there will also be a special Christmas Pickleball Mixer from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Football season is at a critical stage – and the Championship games for the Big XII, SEC, and PAC 12 are all scheduled the same day – December 2. If that's not enough, bowl season begins December 16 with full coverage of all 43 bowl games on the multiple sports screen. Add in NFL football coverage, NBA coverage, and college basketball coverage – and that leaves no doubt in your mind. The Anchor is THE place to be!

Tuesday Trivia with Lee Lawson is back at The Anchor December 5 and 12 before taking a holiday break for Christmas and New Year's. Trivia fun continues every Tuesday night throughout the months of January and February - and you have access to all of it *by boat* at Shangri-La!

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!

As always, our marina team is here to serve you. We're always glad to see you; and we are here six days a week to take care of your fuel and all the supplies for your winter boating. If you have questions, contact us at 918-257-4898 or email marina@shangrilaok.com.

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