



Shangri-La Marina Newsletter
March 1, 2024

“Welcome Back Weekend” is upon us; and March 10, Daylight Saving Time returns. Not only will we have more hours of daylight, but those extra daylight hours will finally be at the end of the day where we can best utilize them. Although it doesn’t technically arrive until 10:06 p.m., March 19 is the official First Day of Spring – and that day will be our first sunset of the year that doesn’t arrive until 7:30 p.m. We will begin dewinterizing the marina and restoring water service to all the slips during the week leading up to that date.

BOAT RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE – INCLUDING SOME NEW ONES!

With the arrival of March, boat rentals and yacht charters are now available at Sail Grand. It’s still a little chilly for personal watercraft rentals, but pontoon and tritoon rentals are available. Parasailing adventures will not begin until Memorial Weekend.

We have some new rental boats that will be available this year, and we will have them on display for your examination during “Spring Break Week” as part of a jam-packed schedule of entertaining and informational events at Shangri-La that week!

DO YOU NEED A NEW DOCK LOCKER OR BOAT LIFT?

I am preparing orders for Spring delivery of dock lockers and boat lifts for slip renters who need to get ready for the great boating season ahead.

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.

Similarly, only HydroHoist Boat Lifts are allowed at Shangri-La Marina. We are one of the regions largest dealers for HydroHoist, so we can get you taken care of quickly and efficiently. It is the busy season for lockers and boat lifts, though, so it is important for you to get your orders placed so there is no delay to your start of the best season of the year at Grand Lake!

Boat lifts are important to retaining the condition and value of your boat – and HydroHoist has been building lifts longer than anyone. We are proud to represent them. Let me know if you need a new lift. We are happy to give you any advice you may need regarding the proper size life – and we’ll be happy to install it for you in your slip.

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.

MORE BENEFITS COMING EXCLUSIVELY FOR SHANGRI-LA MEMBERS!

I'm so excited to announce the formation of The Shangri-La Boat Club by Sail Grand – a club membership offered exclusively to Shangri-La Resort members to make rental boat access easy, quick, and with increased availability and extended rental times offered only to members of the Boat Club. Your Shangri-La Boat Club Membership will expand the horizons of watercraft rentals, charters and parasailing far beyond what is currently available to those who don't own boats, but want the option of boat availability on an extended schedule with easy check-in.

Your \$1000 per year Boat Club membership offers personal walk-through orientations, training and safety instruction at your convenience. Our experienced crew will be available to make sure you are comfortable with the variety of watercraft offered by Sail Grand. As a member, you will enjoy express check-in and easy access to your preferred boat each time you utilize a rental to take friends and family on the water. You will enjoy advanced booking options with no pre-payment required and will receive options for flexible extended rental times not available to others. Members will also be offered concierge service including staff refueling to make your check-in and drop-off of rentals totally trouble-free. Members will also have access to some very cool Shangri-La Boat Club apparel and accessories.

Cost is only \$1,000 per year, and requirements are minimal. You must be a Shangri-La member 25 years of age or older with a valid driver's license and must sign the liability release form. That's it. That's all that is required for an entire year of easy access and trouble-free access to the entire fleet of rental boats, personal watercraft, yacht charters and parasailing adventures offered by Sail Grand at Shangri-La Marina – and with a 10% discount!

The Shangri-La Boat Club is a terrific amenity available exclusively to members. For more info, come by and visit, call 918-257-6000 or email info@sailgrand.com.

Whether you own a boat, rent a boat, or borrow a boat from friends, Shangri-La Marina is here for you six days a week from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday (closed Sunday). As Memorial Day approaches, we will expand our operating hours. In the meantime, we are here all week to take care of all your boating needs including gas and diesel, as well as apparel, snacks, and beverages. Stop in and check us out!

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