

Mitchell Creek Marina

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Introduction

Hello Mitchell Creek Marina tenants! We hope you had a great holiday season! This newsletter is full of new information, reminders, and news on what is happening at the marina. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, don't hesitate to give us a call at 931-823-6666 or email April at landwaterspeed@gmail.com! Let's make the 2011 boating season our best yet!

In this newsletter, there are some helpful hints on pumping gas and ways to help keep our lake water as clean as possible. By helping us keep our lake clean, it benefits everyone.

New Idea

2011 Mitchell Creek Marina Directory: It has been suggested that we should have a directory of all slip owner information in case of emergencies for those on your dock to contact you if the need arises! This season, we will make a directory for each dock for each slip owner to have in case of an emergency! Thanks for the idea!

2011 "Tentative" Schedule of Events

April 15 – Open For the Season

(Come check out our new store additions, beach area, & food court! First 10 customers get a free tote!)

May 14 – Clean Marina Celebration

(Come join us celebrate our new status as a "Clean Marina" on Dale Hollow Lake! Free Popcorn!) Fill out our quiz on keeping our lake water clean and receive a free fuel absorbent pad! Kids have an activity sheet and coloring page to win a free ice cream!

July 2 - Battle of the Docks Corn Hole Tournament

(Winning Couple on each dock gets a \$25 marina gift card and champion will receive a 5% discount on slip renewal for 2012 *if paid in full*)

July 2 & 3 – Independence Day Celebration

(Come down to the marina as we rock the dock to celebrate Independence Day! We will have live music from Grand Ole Opry performers, including the famous announcer Eddie Stubbs! We will have a variety of carnival games, face painting, tournaments, and many more fun activities and events planned. Fireworks will be July 3 at dusk. Keep checking the website for a schedule of events closer to the event date!

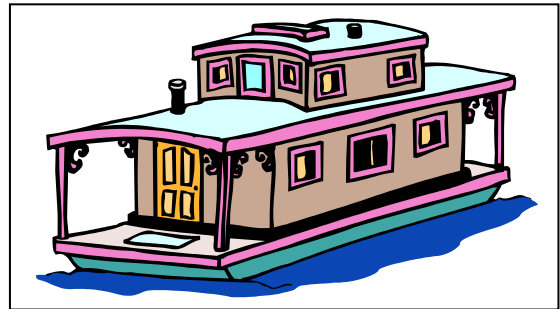
September 3 – Slip Customer Appreciation Day

(Free Hot Dogs, Chips, Drink, & Ice Cream for all slip owners! We appreciate you!)

Instructions for Documenting Pump Outs

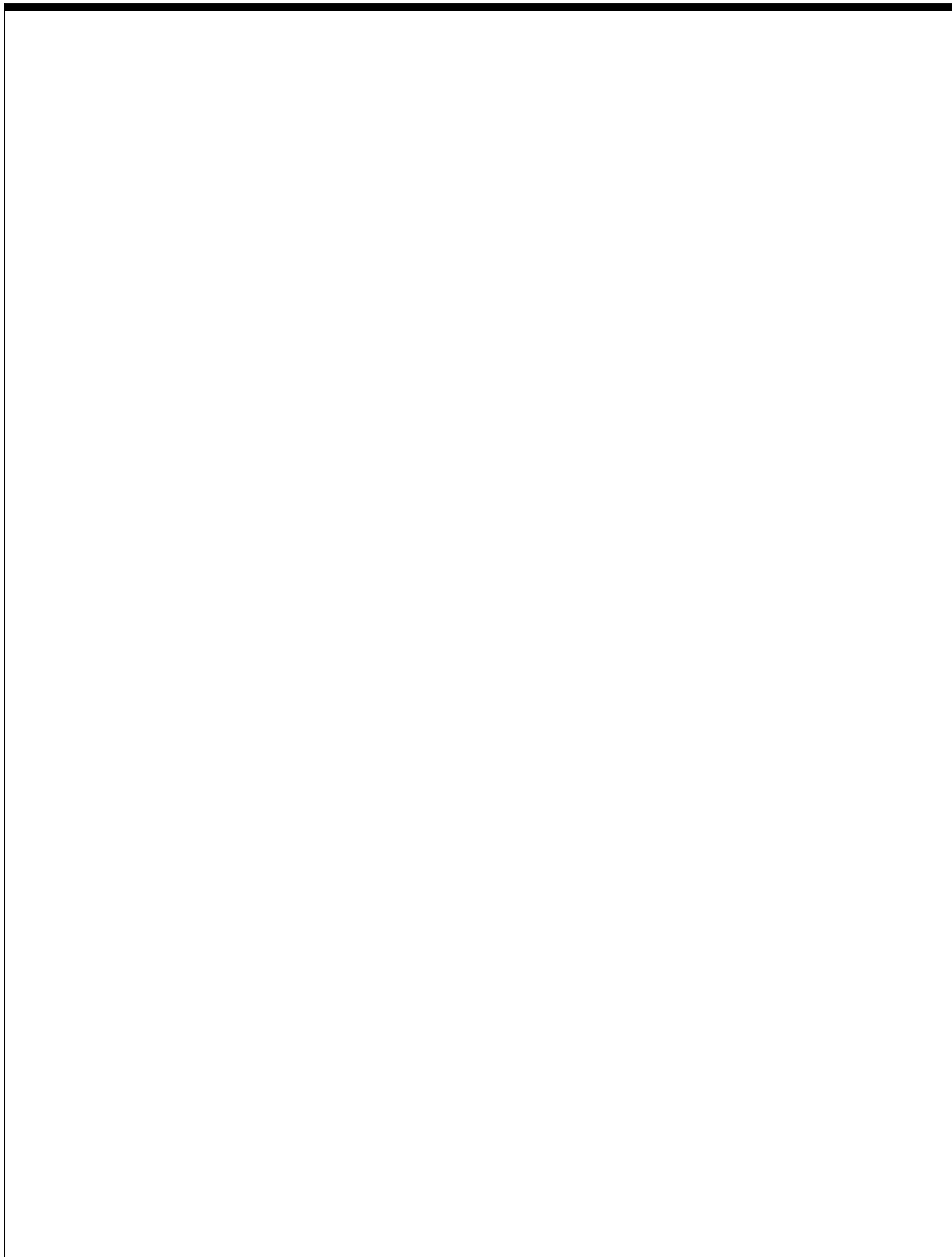
This year we will be keeping records of pump out usage for each tenant. On your dock, you will find a binder attached to the pump out system. Please fill out your name, date, and volumes pumped out of your boat. We want to make sure everyone is pumping out their boats and there is no discharge in the lake. There is a zero tolerance policy for polluting lake waters. We will be checking to make sure everyone is pumping out.

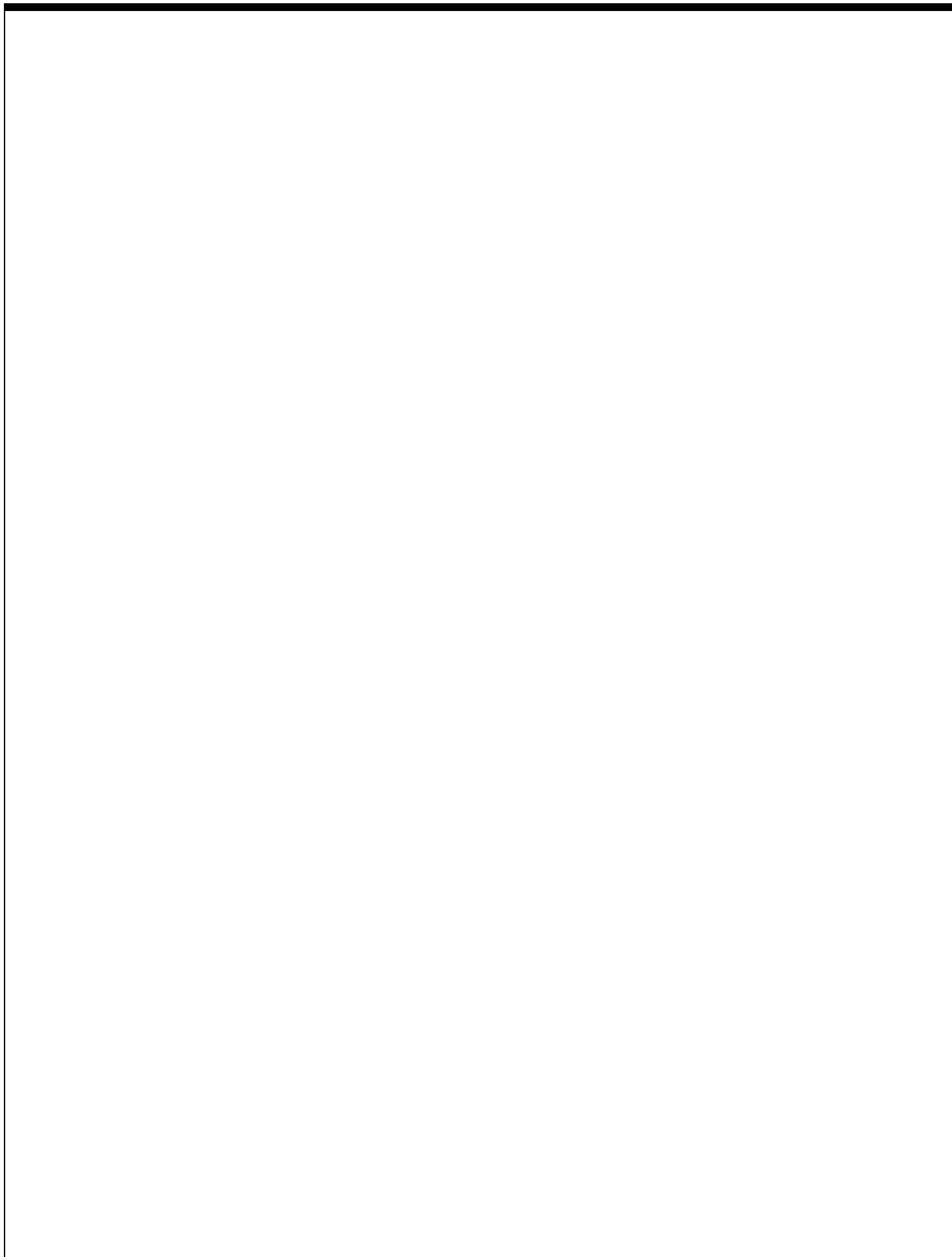
MSD Inspections – We will also be checking all houseboats to make sure your Y-valve is set to go to your holding tank instead of the lake. We want to keep the waters of Dale Hollow Lake as clear and pristine as possible. Dale Hollow Lake is a "No Discharge Area" which makes it illegal to discharge sewage, treated or untreated, from any boat into the water. Raw or improperly treated boat sewage is harmful to human health and water quality. When sewage is discharged to waterways it reduces the amount of oxygen available to fish and other forms of aquatic life. Please help us keep the waters clean! We will be inspecting all houseboats with holding tanks to ensure that your houseboat is not discharging sewage into the water. This is not only required, but essential in keeping Dale Hollow Lake water pristine.



Marina News

We're applying for the clean marina status and will need everyone's help to keep Dale Hollow's waters and our marina crystal clear! If we get approved, we will have a ceremony for all of you to attend! We're proud to call Dale Hollow Lake our home and we know you are too! Now stocking eco-friendly products in the ship store to help keep the environment as clean and clear as mother nature intended! Please help us in our change to eco-friendly products! Buy eco-friendly, non toxic products today to ensure a healthier tomorrow. We now have updated our trash bins and included 3 recycling bins for plastic, aluminum, and glass! Now when you take off your trash you will have a cleaner area to dispose and recycle!





POLLUTION PREVENTION

Here's some helpful hints on how to keep gas from polluting the pristine waters of Dale Hollow Lake. Proper fueling procedures are also very important in preventing onboard fires. Gasoline vapors are heavier than air and can spread rapidly into enclosed spaces. The proper way to fuel your boat is as follows:

- Secure boat to the dock.
- Switch off engine(s).
- Extinguish all open flames.
- Do not use electrical switches.
- No smoking.
- Ports, hatches, and doors closed.
- Make certain all passengers are ashore.
- Determine quantity of fuel required and make sure it is the proper type of fuel.
- Hold hose nozzle firmly against fill pipe opening.
- Do not overfill.
- Wipe up all spillage. Get free absorbent pads at marina.
- Open ports, hatches, and doors to ventilate.
- Turn blower on for four minutes minimum.
- Do the sniff test.
- Start engine(s).
- Re-board Passengers.
- Untie from dock and cast off.

Proper fueling techniques also keep our water clean and safe, and help marine life thrive in a healthier environment. For portable tanks do the following:

- Tanks six gallons and smaller should be removed from the boat.
- Add appropriate amount of oil for 2-cycle outboards to fuel tank.
- Make sure hose nozzle is in contact with rim of tank.
- After filling, secure tank to the boat so it will not slide around while underway.

FUEL CONSERVATION TIPS

- Keep engine well tuned.
- Use the correct propeller and check for damage.
- Be sure engine is adequate for boat.
- Use proper oil mix in motor.
- Keep hull clean to reduce friction.
- Drain all water before leaving dock.
- Distribute weight evenly and don't overload.
- Shut off engine when at dock or at rest.
- Make fewer turns so as to not increase motor load.
- Plane smoothly and quickly at take off then throttle back to cruising speed.

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