

Customer Reviews of Des Moines Marina

ActiveCaptain

October 7, 2017 3 – Star Rating

- A popular stop for yacht clubs, particularly those catering to large self sufficient trawlers. The broad, clean floating piers speak for themselves. Fuel prices are more than competitive and the staff at the fuel pier is universally courteous, helpful, and customer oriented. The Saturday farmers' market is very close to the transient piers with delicious food booths and excellent produce. Still, there are some shortcomings. The only restaurant available without trudging up a long hill is Anthony's. Like all houses in this chain, the food and service is excellent, but you pay for what you get. There is no laundry at the marina, no hardware or supplies. Groceries require a car and the recent partition of the parking lot into zones each with a separate toll gate makes land transportation interesting. The showers are at one end of the heads one each, men and women. There is no door between showers and public restrooms. Unfortunately, the water must be turned on by the fuel pier attendant during business hours. After business hours, key code required for the heads and showers are not available. An excellent fuel stop or overnight facility while cruising the Sound, but not a destination in itself. [Show Less](#)
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August 12, 2017 3 – Star Rating

- Jerry Stauffer(430)
- Friendly staff while we were there on a Friday. Reasonable moorage, reasonable fuel prices especially on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. But, wow, lots of fuel floating on top of the water. Don't know if they had a recent spill or not. Nobody seemed to be too concerned. Went for a walk to find a place to eat and when we got back near the marina you could smell the fumes in the air. As for our eating experience, that left a lot to be desired. A lounge, sports bar and a hotdog stand. Went to the sports bar, should of had a hotdog. Bar food was good, but the clientele not so much. We came to this marina to pick up some friends that were flying in and it is close to airport. Probably will not go back. We were here a about three years ago and had a much more pleasant stay.

June 12, 2017 1 – Star Rating

- RICKSUE(941)
- Great service at the fuel dock. Poor accommodation for overnight guests. No showers after business hours- which makes absolutely no sense. Must schedule a shower during business hours. They "turn on" the water for you. Whoever decided this policy needs to look at this from a customers prospective. Can't recommend this Marina.

January 10, 2017 5 – Start Rating

- Richard Drury(20)
- Albiet at a much lower congestion period, our experience was nothing but positive with great service at the fuel dock. Of course getting one of the best prices on diesel made for a very significant plus as well.

June 18, 2015 4 – Star Rating

- Captain of Ohana Time(260)
- we had our YC spend the weekend and had a great time! the covered tent for YCs offers heat, fans, roll up and enclosure for the group event. The marina is very clean and the staff are AMAZING! the only reason I don't give 5 stars is because if you stay on the North side of the transient docks, you don't get water access on your side of the dock (so no city-water hookups like we like to do). Otherwise, there is one shower per gender up top and they are sufficient. Overall, definitely worth a visit as the staff goes out of their way to accomodate and we had a GREAT time!

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Yelp!

5/11/2018 5 – Stars (out of 5 stars)

On a great sunny day you can enjoy the view of Mt. Rainer and awe at the sun rays hitting puget sound for miles. A great and gorgeous view for people who live near and for those who happen to come across this scenic spot away from the major city. Near the marina and many surrounding restaurants. This is truly a gem.

2/1/2018 3 – Star Rating

Long dock and pier, marina, small park, and lots of people crabbing, fishing, and smoking. A south end place frequently used, and a quick visit to see the sound.

1/10/2016 4 – Star Rating

We moor our boat here and really like it. I really like the security of the private docs. A majority of the docs are covered giving boats extra protection and making it easy to work on your boat on rainy days. The facilities are clean and the people are nice. The location is great, just a short walk to restaurants.

The fuel prices are very competitive and the dumping station is convenient.

Located between Seattle and Tacoma make this a nice location for day trips. Gorgeous scenery, no matter which direction you go.

Downside moorage can be a little high compared to other marinas. In addition, having to re-zinc our boat about every 90 days.

9/29/2016 4 – stars

- 4 check-ins

With walking trails, beautiful views, a park area, and boating, the Des Moines Marina is a great place to stop by, even if you're not into boating!

There's a park area with plenty of grass, a paved trail, and both Anthony's HomePort and Oyster Bar & Grill for lunch/dinner. There's a long pier that allows for fishing and crabbing. There's usually some delightfully interesting people out there, especially later in the evening.

The Marina also hosts the Farmers' Market during the growing season - definitely one of the better markets in this area!

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2 – Stars (out of 5 stars)

by barryjs on Apr 06, 2017

A very unsafe marina its open to the public its more like a park than a marina u have cars and people all over the place my boat was vandalized down their and many thefts and like two security cams on the hole propery

3 – Stars (out of 5 stars)

by johnwana1 on Jan 05, 2011

We stopped in here on our way south to Chinook Landing Marina and found the guest moorage very straight forward and easy to manuever (we have a 47' ketch). Guest moorage is parallel to the north most dock, across from the fuel dock. Des Moines is in the process of rebuilding and improving many aspects of the marina. From the work and drawings we saw it looks like it will be very nice when it is completed. However, if you are looking to moor long term here you will be on a waiting list several years long and the rates are some of the highest in the Sound. On a much brighter note, there is a restraurant here that is worth the stop. Barnacles is a locally owned and run Steak and Seafood place just two blocks east of the marina at the main entrance. The dinner we had was equal to some of the best restraurants in Seattle at a fraction of the price. Great food, fantastic service and warm friendly atmosphere.