



# City of Des Moines Marina

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Dear Tenants:

The Marina Moorage Rate Ordinance links moorage rate increases to the Consumer Price Index, (CPI) which is published by the Federal Government. This year the published CPI is 1.8%. (The CPI for last year was 1.8% also). The new Rate Ordinance for 2016 specifies that moorage rate increases take effect on the first of January of the year following the publication of the CPI. We expect the City Council to adopt the new Rate Ordinance on November 19th, so on January 1, 2016, general moorage rates, with the exception of the Dry Shed rates which were raised significantly year before last, will increase by 1.8%.

In other news, the Marina has developed a better way for tenants to contact the staff for routine service and repair requests like replacing deck boards, adding cleats or bumpers, cleaning up the docks or other similar requests. Starting in early December the staff will replace the signs on the dock gates with signs that have the new contact information. Tenants will be able to call or text the staff at 206-406-7149 and/or send an e-mail to [marinaservice@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:marinaservice@desmoineswa.gov). This new procedure will improve our ability to keep track of service and maintenance requests and respond quickly. It will also reduce the work load on the office staff. The new phone is operational now so tenants can start using it immediately. As always, if there is an emergency that needs a response from the police or fire department, please dial 911. For non-emergency problems that occur after office hours please dial 206-878-3301. That number is answered by the records clerks at the police department and they have access to the staff call-out list.

~~Please remember to pick up your 2016 parking passes at the Marina Office by the end of January. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8:30 to 4:30. Please hang your pass on the rearview mirror or place it on the dash board of your vehicle if it is parked in the Marina between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM. The Marina parking lots are closed to all non-permitted vehicle traffic during those hours and the Police Department will issue citations to vehicles without permits starting in February 2016. **Please make sure your pass is visible from outside the vehicle!** A limited number of free temporary passes are available if you have guests. There will be a \$50 charge for additional or lost passes.~~

In all aspects, 2015 was a very good year for the Marina. Good weather and low fuel prices prevailed for much of the boating season and boaters responded by getting out on the water. Fuel sales and guest moorage revenues returned to levels last seen before the recession. Fishing was somewhat better than in previous years and the slips filled up earlier than usual with moorage revenues remaining strong all

during the boating season. The tenants, especially the Des Moines Marina Association continued to engage the City Council in productive ways and largely due to their efforts the Marina should finish 2015 with reserves replenished and significantly more money in the capital improvement fund than we thought we would have.

All of the Marina staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you a good holiday season and best wishes for the New Year. We all value your patronage at the Marina and we will continue to try to provide the best service possible to our tenants and customers.

Sincerely,

Joe Dusenbury  
Harbormaster

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