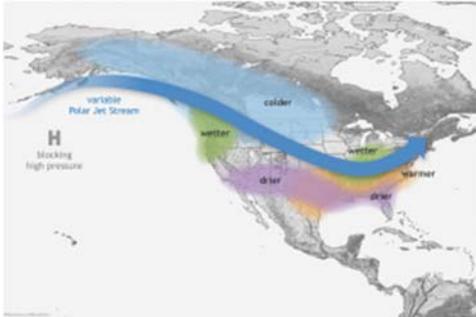


Oak Harbor Marina

November 1, 2017

La Niña Forecasted

Following a mild and short-lived La Niña last winter, the climatic phenomenon known as “La Niña” stands a 55-60 percent chance of developing once again this fall and winter. That’s the most recent forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center. Based on observations of what’s happening in the Pacific Ocean, and modeling to predict what may be coming, NOAA has issued a La Niña watch, indicating that conditions are favorable for its development.



La Niña weather pattern

La Niña can strongly shift weather patterns, bringing anomalously cool or warm, and wet or dry, conditions to large parts of the world. In the United States, La Niña tends to bring wetter than normal conditions to the Pacific Northwest and parts of the Midwest. Unfortunately for southern and central California, things tend to dry out. The UW’s resident weather expert, Dr. Cliff Mass recently stated in his weather blog ...”*The implications for snow is clear, especially after January 1.... a higher probability of the white stuff, particularly in the mountains. Yes... a reasonable year to get an annual pass at your favorite ski area!*”

Excerpts, Editor: “Winter Weather Outlook for Western Washington (201-2018)” <https://www.washington.edu/uwem/2017/09/28/winter-weather-outlook-for-western-washington-2017-18/>: 9/28/2017

Winter Preparedness

Slippery Docks

As we approach winter the Marina Staff is preparing buckets of “ice melt” to place around the marina. The Marina Staff will apply ice melt to the docks when they are frosty or frozen.

Although the ice melt does a good job of melting the ice, it is always a good idea to use extreme caution when walking on the docks.

Please feel free to use the ice melt as you see fit. If you would like the staff to place a bucket of ice melt near your boat just let us know.

Water Supply Freeze Plan

With a weather forecast of a “La Nina,” colder temperatures, more rain, snow, and windier conditions are possible. Most of the marinas water lines are made of PVC and tend to freeze during a prolonged hard freeze.

Last year when we had similar conditions we evacuated the water lines to the docks with PVC pipes. This seemed to work very well and we did not have as many broken water lines as normal.

In the event of a forecasted prolonged freeze we will post signs alerting you of when we will evacuate the PVC water lines. We will refill them once the freeze is over.

Electrical Cords

We have noticed that some people are not using approved marine electrical cords. This is dangerous and may lead to a marina fire.

If you are not using an approved marine electrical cord please disconnect your boat from the marina power pedestal as soon as possible

In an effort to ensure the safety of our marina on November 6th, Marina Staff will unplug all boats that are not using a marine electrical cord.

Reserved Parking Spot

The winner of this month's parking space drawing is Mr. Dennis Carter. Mr. Carter will get the use of the parking space until December 1st. If you would like to enter the drawing please come by the office and fill out a registration slip.

The names of people not drawn will be left in the drawing box for next month.

CURRENT FUEL PRICES

(As of October 31, 2017)

Diesel - \$2.72

Gas - \$3.68 (Mid-grade ethanol free)

Receive a 5 cent per gallon discount for over 100 gallons.

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“Life without a defined purpose is similar to a boat without a crew in the middle of the ocean.”

Debasish Mridha

Stays and Halyards

It is that time of year when you can hear stays and halyards hitting the sides of masts from miles away. Typically the “clang, clang, clang” occurs when it is windy and can be quite aggravating (especially at night for our live aboards!).

This is not only aggravating for our live aboards and other tenants, but the rubbing and hitting on the mast can cause damage to your stays and halyards.

Please be a good neighbor and secure your stays and halyards away from your mast.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 6th: Marina Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00pm @ City Hall

November 11th: Veterans Day, The office and fuel dock will be closed.

November 23rd & 24th: Thanksgiving, The office and fuel dock will be closed.

December 4th: Marina Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00pm @ City Hall

Quiz

The lubber's line of a magnetic compass _____:

1. always shows true north direction
2. indicated the vessel's heading
3. is always parallel to the vessel's transom
4. is located on the compass card

The answer to last month's quiz is: *With rudders amidships and negligible wind, a twin-screw vessel moving forward with one engine ahead and the other backing will _____: is #2, turn in a direction away from the engine moving ahead.*