

NEWPORT YACHT BASIN ASSOCIATION (NYBA) e-Blast – September 12, 2017

The Board of Directors has made the decision to no longer allow Unit Owners and tenants to use any City-line-pressure water lifts at Newport Yacht Basin. A “City-line-pressure” lift (commonly called a “water lift”) are boat lifts that sit on the lake bottom and are attached to the NYBA/City of Bellevue water supply which is used to raise and lower boats into the water. The vast majority of the boatlifts in NYBA are self powered, pump driven hydraulic lifts that are NOT connected to our water supply.

Earlier this summer, we received a water bill from the City of Bellevue for over \$10,000. The monthly bill is normally around \$2,000. The large bill was due to a leaking 1/2" freeze free valve that was just under the unusually high water and could not be seen. When water lifts have been left in the wrong position or start leaking, they have 3/4" lines and are 4 to 6 feet under water and cannot be seen. One lift leaking could silently continue to use marina water for weeks or longer if the valve remains open.

Tom Lisk is working with the city to develop some procedures for early detection of water leaks and has started to regularly monitor the water meters. We are looking at some type of alarm or automatic notice system when we are experiencing significant water use outside the norm.

The Board has agreed to add a provision in the Rules and Regulations that bans water lifts from using NYBA water connections. We think water lift users could add a pump and use lake water to operate their lifts. Tom is doing some research to find a reasonable source that tenants or owners could contact to install a pump to use lake water to operate the lifts. It is the tenant's/owner's choice either to retrofit with a pump or have the lift removed (at tenants/owner's sole expense)

We are allowing until the end of 2017 for Unit Owner/tenants to remove the water lift or install the necessary hardware that will use lake water instead of NYBA water to operate all water lifts at Newport.