

Orleans Marina and South Shore Harbor Improvements

Thank you for joining Orleans Marina and South Shore Harbor!

You are among the lucky boaters who enjoy scenic marinas, within 10 minutes of the Greater New Orleans area, a gateway to Lake Pontchartrain, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast only a few hours away.

We appreciate our long time tenants and their commitment to a safe, pleasant boating experience.

We also appreciate our Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation board members and staff who have a seat on the Authority Board, as well as LPBF staff who work with our staff on mutual interests.

In the last 12 months, the following improvements were authorized under the Marina Committee's guidance made:

South Shore Harbor:

Full inspection by a licensed electrical engineer and appropriate repairs made after a public bid process.

Lighting updates on a progressive basis, transitioning to LED lighting.

Lighted, marked buoys to complete the number sequence and mark certain shallow areas.

Bathymetry surveys to begin the Summer 2015 of Authority's water bottoms on an ongoing basis.

Sponsor of National Marina Day in June each year to reach out to boaters and non-boaters alike.

Updated entrance sign.

Orleans Marina:

Ongoing: over \$230,000 spent on replacing boards on piers and catwalks with premium treated lumber, stainless steel screws, etc.

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New retractable ladder at the end of every other pier, with every pier having one in the coming years.

Leases, Rules and Regulations:

A very dedicated Marina Committee regularly reviews operations, visits both marinas, New Basin Canal properties and participates in decision making at every level. Members of the Marina Committee are boaters, as well as lake front residents and take an active interest in these facilities.

Long time tenants are aware that Hurricane Katrina caused significant damage to the extensive lake front properties of the Orleans Levee District's, including:

- Orleans Marina
- South Shore Harbor Marina,
- Lakefront Airport,
- 5+ miles of Lake Shore Drive,
- Lake Vista Community Center, and
- properties along New Basin Canal.

Funding sources have steadily increased to allow for millions of dollars of repairs to aging facilities with very limited staff.

There is still work to be done as funding sources become available.

After careful consideration, the Authority authorized one year leases for both marinas, with no increase in rental rates.

Both marina leases will be subject to a 10% maintenance surcharge which will be devoted solely to major maintenance and the surcharge will be used for the individual marina exclusively. Orleans Marina has seen the benefits of its surcharge last year. (Surcharge is collected quarterly and amounted to \$81,000 last year. Improvements were over \$240,000 but would not have been possible to that extent without the maintenance surcharge.)

Lease provisions regarding insurance:

Rules, regulations and insurance guidelines come from practical experience, advice of legal counsel, and after thoughtful consideration.

Insurance provisions are in place to protect other marina tenants, waterways, our lake, as well as the marina.

The Orleans Levee District is also a co-permittee to operate its facilities in compliance with storm water and drainage permits with other partners to manage what ends up in Lake Pontchartrain, the municipal sewerage and drainage system, and the water table.

Both marinas enjoy many responsible tenants who care for their boats, lines, bilge pumps and use the marina with consideration for all tenants.

After Katrina, as could be reasonably expected, salvage operations were necessary.

Unfortunately, a good number of insurance companies, salvage companies and boat owners were not able to, or did not, step up and remove vessels that had sunken or taken on water.

For safe boating of the marine community, our tenants and the marinas:

The Authority still has the responsibility to determine what boats had been abandoned, clear the marinas and water bottoms for their tenants and for the health of our waterways and Lake Pontchartrain and insurance provisions were crafted to accomplish protection of the tenants and public assets.

As for any questions regarding loss payee, the reality is that the vast majority of boaters will not have a claim this year, and as such, does not affect them. For those that do have a loss, when a boat is removed or safely secured, there is no undue delay to provide whatever releases or signatures are needed.

To our tenants, we look forward to serving you for many years to come!

Email and cell phone is always on, feel free to call!

Regards,

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