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Kingston Public Market

Last Sunday for the Market Oct. 6
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Cascade Bicycle Event

October 6, 2024

7:00am-3:00pm

About the Port



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The Port of Kingston services 6,941 District Voters. The mission of the Port of Kingston is to enhance the economic and social well-being of the Port district residents through economic development, and by providing a waterfront facility for recreation and leisure activities.

 262 Slip Marina	 335 Parking Spots	 Mike Wallace Park	 Golf Course & Casino
 49 Slip Guest Dock	 WSF & Kitsap Transit Ferry Terminals	 West Kingston Road Park	 Retail Shops
 2 Launch Ramps	 Kingston Cove Yacht Club	 North Beach Park	 Restaurants
 Non-Ethanol Fuel Dock	 Fishing Pier	 Kingston Kiwanis Park	 Bike Trails & Cycling

Sewing what matters today with a view for tomorrow.

Preparing Your Boat for Fall and Winter in the Pacific Northwest

As the vibrant summer boating season comes to an end, it's time to start thinking about getting your boat ready for the cooler, wetter months ahead. In the Pacific Northwest, proper preparation is key to ensuring your vessel stays safe and protected during fall and winter. Whether you're planning to store your boat on land or keep it in the water, here are some essential tips to keep your boat in top condition until spring.

1. Clean and Inspect Your Boat

Before doing anything else, give your boat a thorough cleaning inside and out. Be sure to:

- Wash the hull and topsides.
- Clean out lockers, bilges, and storage compartments.
- Inspect for damage: Check the hull for cracks, blisters, or any other signs of wear that may worsen over time.
- Examine the rigging (if you have a sailboat) and all fittings for any rust or wear.

2. Protect Your Engine

The heart of your boat, the engine, needs special attention before winter sets in. To avoid damage from freezing temperatures or prolonged disuse, consider:

- Flushing the engine with fresh water to remove salt, sediment, and other buildup.
- Changing the oil and filter to remove moisture and contaminants that can lead to corrosion.
- Add fuel stabilizer to prevent fuel from degrading over the winter.
- Winterize the cooling system: For boats with freshwater cooling systems, flush with antifreeze to prevent freezing. For raw water systems, drain them thoroughly to avoid freezing water expanding and damaging internal components.

3. Drain and Protect Your Plumbing Systems

If your boat has a freshwater system, you'll need to winterize it to prevent pipes and tanks from freezing and cracking.

- Drain the water tanks and lines completely.
- Add non-toxic antifreeze to any remaining water in the system, including the head and shower.

4. Remove and Store Electronics

Electronics can be vulnerable to moisture and cold temperatures, so it's best to remove and store them in a dry place.

- Disconnect and remove GPS units, fish finders, and other sensitive electronics.
- Cover connections with moisture-resistant spray to protect terminals and wiring.

5. Cover Your Boat

A high-quality, well-fitted cover is your boat's best defense against the elements. Ensure that the cover is:

- Waterproof and can handle the weight of accumulated rain or snow.
- Properly ventilated to prevent mildew and mold from forming inside.

6. Check Your Bilge and Pumps

Moisture management is crucial in the Pacific Northwest's wet climate. Ensure your bilge pump is in good working order and has a reliable power source

- Test the bilge pump and automatic float switch to confirm they're working.
- Clean the bilge area to ensure it's free of debris that could block the pump.

7. Inspect and Prepare Dock Lines

If your boat is staying in the water over the winter, strong winds and storms are inevitable. Ensure your boat is securely moored:

- Check dock lines for wear and replace any that look frayed.
- Double up on lines or use chafe guards to prevent abrasion during rough weather.

8. Winterizing Sailboats

For sailboat owners, in addition to all of the above:

- Remove sails and store them in a dry place to prevent mildew.
- Check the standing and running rigging, especially any exposed lines, for wear and replace if necessary.

9. Monitor Weather and Marina Conditions

Even after you've prepped your boat, it's important to keep an eye on weather forecasts.

Taking the time to prepare your boat for the Pacific Northwest's fall and winter weather will not only protect your investment but also ensure a smooth start to the next boating season. If you have any questions while winterizing your boat, don't hesitate to contact the marina office – we're here to help!

Christmas in the Cove: A Magical Tradition Returns to Kingston

The holiday season is fast approaching, and the Port of Kingston is once again preparing for our beloved annual celebration—Christmas in the Cove! This festive event has become a cherished tradition, bringing together the community in the spirit of joy and togetherness.

Our dedicated volunteers and staff have already begun working hard behind the scenes to make this year's event truly magical. Soon, you'll start seeing the Port property transform into a winter wonderland, with beautiful decorations being set up all over Port property. The decorating process will begin shortly and continue up until the much-anticipated tree lighting ceremony on December 7th.

We invite everyone to join us for this special event, where families can gather to enjoy the festive lights, seasonal music, and holiday cheer. The tree lighting ceremony will be the perfect way to kick off the holiday season in Kingston, and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Keep an eye out for more details as we get closer to the event. For now, we encourage you to stop by the marina and watch as Christmas magic comes to life right here in the Cove!



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