The Waterline



Dock Ramps Repaired

The Board contracted with Mr. Bill Hoffman to complete the repair of the three dock ramps. This work was completed in mid-December. As it turned out Ramp C was in the worst shape and we were lucky we did not have more problems with it than we had with Ramp A. So doing all three turned out to be prudent and a good decision by the Board. Mr. Hoffman's design for Ramp A and B are stellar, and it appears that the new floating pads that now hold the weight of the ramps is the correct way to set this up. Both ramps now rest on wheels hidden below the ramp cover boards and create the situation where the water level will be neutralized by the ramp being able to float in and out as the wheels adjust. Ramp C is on Teflon slides given how short the ramp is. Please note that we need to be diligent in making sure that "no-one" uses the ramps for tie off as they do have free play right to left in front of the boat. Not enough free play to be an issue during proper use, but we do not want to have a boat being tied up to any of the ramps to pull them off line with the wall and ramp attachments. A great big thank you to Randy Karnes for coordinating this work.

Plans are currently in development for the repair of the plumbing on the docks.





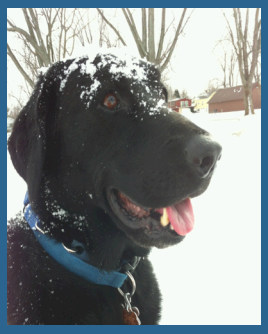
Special events at the marina

- *Marina Opens May 1*
- *First Day Dockhands will be scheduled is Saturday, May 23rd*

Vessel Checks tentatively scheduled for May 23rd. More information to follow

- *Reminder: February Dues Notices have been sent. Please send your checks to Shelly Zuder at your earliest convenience*
- *Check out the updated website. The thanks goes to Laura Welch-Vilker*

The dogs of Pigeon Key Marina



Docker Gaynor patiently waiting the boating season.

Send your photos to: devonagaynor@gmail.com to get your PKM Marina Dog in the next newsletter.

Meet the New Board of Pigeon Key Marina

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Pigeon Key Marina, where all the summer fun happens!

Steve Gaynor, President
Steve and his wife Kathy are retired educators, owning a slip at PKM since 2006 when they bought their first boat. They learned boating on a way-too-big 34 foot Four Winns, and owe a huge debt to fellow PKMers Geislers and Taylors for showing them the ropes (or lines). They now have a 38 foot Cruisers, which they love. Aside from day trips, the Gaynors enjoy an annual cruise up north or across Lake Michigan. They also live in Harbour Towne (owning here since 2005), we so enjoy the entire Muskegon experience

Randy Karnes, Vice President
Randy is the CEO of CU*Answers in Grand Rapids. A cooperative owned by credit unions to deliver data processing and operational support to credit unions. Working with, trusting, and having high hopes for cooperative solutions is a passion for Randy. Adding that to Randy and Tricia's passion to get the most from Michigan boating; it was only natural for Randy to pitch in and work with the board. Randy and Tricia also own a condo, and have been part of the community since December 2004.

Bruce Hood, Board Member
Donna and I both grew up near the water in New England and we've been either on, in, around, or under the water our whole lives. So when we moved to Michigan, almost 40 years ago, Lake Michigan seemed like home. My family never owned a boat, but when the opportunity came for us to buy one (in 1994) we jumped at it and our two kids had the wonderful experience of "growing up" on a boat. As we now live in Harbour Towne, Pigeon Key Marina is just ideal for us. We can look out the window and see our boat. PKM is a great little marina where everyone is friendly and we all look out for each other. It was in that spirit that I accepted Linda Taylor's offer to join the Board. Happy Sailing to you all!

Mark Lindquist, Board Member
Mark is President of Rapid-Line Inc., a $22-million, Grand Rapids-based, full service metal fabrication and tooling company. Rapid-Line designs, manufactures and finishes metal products for office furniture, automotive and other industrial customers. It provides engineering, laser cutting, powder coating, machining, stamping and other metal fabrication services. Leading the company for 30 years, Mark has bachelor's degrees in engineering and business and two master's degrees in business. Committed to lean manufacturing principles, he has worked with his internal teams to implement numerous waste-reduction Initiatives that have helped Rapid-Line conserve significant resources.

DeVona Gaynor, Secretary/Treasurer
After purchasing their condo in 2007 for the purpose of weekend and vacation use, DeVona and her husband Doug (Steve's brother) and their dog Docker (on this issue's cover), retired and permanently moved to Harbour Towne in December 2014. Both DeVona and Doug are municipal government retirees. DeVona retired from the City of Highland Park, Illinois where she held the position of Executive Assistant to the Mayor and City Manager. Doug was the Director of Parks, Forestry, Recreation and Community Services for the City of Evanston, Illinois.

David R. Taylor, Past-President
Linda L. Taylor Historian
Dave and Linda moved to Muskegon in 2002, both retiring from higher education administration in Illinois. They have watched the development of Pigeon Key Marina, since 1996 after purchasing a condo to be built in the Harbour Towne Condominium development. Both remember the time, before docks were installed, pulling up to the seawall and stepping off their first 25' Four Winns onto the sidewalk. Yes, the water level was that high. You can often find the Taylors aboard Taylor's Reef on A-dock or waving from their condo deck. They both are looking forward to seeing the next stage of development for Pigeon Key Marina. After several years of trying to keep the Association afloat, they are looking forward to just sitting back and floating on their boat.

Article from the February 4, 2014 *Muskegon Chronicle*

"MUSKEGON
Money for dredging included in proposed federal budget for 2016
Harbor maintenance
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President Barack Obama's budget for fiscal year 2016 proposes more than $69 million for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects in its Detroit District, which also includes parts of Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

More than $45 million of the total is budgeted just for Michigan locations, of which the St. Marys River/Soo Locks would be the biggest recipient, with $31.1 million, according to the Corps. Other Michigan projects on the list include dredging of the Detroit River, Saginaw River, St. Joseph Harbor, Muskegon Harbor and Grand Haven Harbor.

"We are looking forward to working hard and fully implementing this strategic investment in the development, management, restoration and protection of the nation's water resources," Lt. Col. Michael Sellers, district engineer, Detroit District said in a news release issued Monday.

"Our projects and the water resources we manage produce jobs, facilitate exports and contribute to a stronger economy, environment and quality of life for all Americans."

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works budget funds the operation and maintenance program, which includes the maintenance of federal shipping channels on the Great Lakes, maintenance of federal structures and the operation and maintenance of the Soo Locks.

A big part of the money, $16.1 million, will be used for dredging projects including the following locations: Duluth-Superior Harbor, Minnesota; Green Bay Harbor, Wisconsin; Grand Haven Harbor; Holland Harbor; Ludington Harbor; Manistee Harbor; Manitowoc Harbor, Wisconsin; Muskegon Harbor; Ontonagon Harbor; Presque Isle Harbor; Rouge River; Saginaw River; and St. Joseph Harbor.

An additional $3.8 million will be used to continue monitoring lake levels and water flow throughout the Great Lakes. Also, $100,000 is budgeted for a study examining the feasibility of deepening the upper Saginaw River.
The President's Budget for fiscal year 2016 includes more than $4.73 billion in discretionary funding for the Civil Works program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers."