



Date: 10/25/18

To: Kayak Renters

From: Mitch Waterman - General Manager

Subject: Relocation of all Kayak Racks – Preparing for Spit Construction

Water wave action would erode and wash our marina spit away if it was not “armored” to protect the shoreline. The armoring consists of sheet piles that line the shore, driven into the lake bottom and extending up above the high-water line. That armoring has protected our spit from washing away since original construction. As we have shared with the community over the last several years, our armoring has reached its design life and is beginning to significantly fail, requiring its replacement. The time is now at hand, and replacement has been scheduled to be completed next spring.

Between now and December, Tiger Construction (the winning competitive contract bidder) will begin mobilizing their equipment to our Marina where their presence will remain until spring.

During construction preparation (now through early December), Tiger and our maintenance staff will begin removing all materials from the spit which includes benches, BBQ grills and kayak racks. Relocation of all the 8 kayak racks must be completed before December 15th. The new rack location will be adjacent to the parking lot near the Marina bathroom building on the grass close to the water. kayak racks will remain there a minimum of 1 year to allow the new plantings to take root and flourish.

Once construction on the spit is complete, most of the spit will have a gentle slope down to the water edge rather than the current vertical drop configuration. When the grass is established, we anticipate replacing the picnic tables and BBQ grills back to the spit for member enjoyment. The construction work was purposely scheduled and regulatorily permitted to coincide with the fish work window during the winter when Lake Whatcom is at its lowest level. This will result in the least environmental impact on the lake.

The existing rack numbering system will continue to be used on the new racks. As an example, if your current kayak space is MAR RA1, when you relocate your kayak, you will place it in another rack with the same label. We will start this process by installing two new kayak racks and providing renters 4 days to relocate their kayaks. We will then dismantle the vacated racks and relocate them and giving those renters the same number of days to move their crafts. This process will repeat until all 8 racks have been emptied and all the kayak racks at the spit have been removed.



Rack relocation will be completed in a domino effect starting with rack A and B, then racks C and D, E and F and then rack G and H.

As this unfolds, the Spit becomes an isolated construction site due to the large equipment and hazards associated with all construction locations. We will also be giving portions of the parking areas to the contractor for material lay down and staging.

Bruce Bishop (Bruce@suddenvalley.com), Maintenance Manager, is the lead person for the rack installations and rack removal effort.

The schedule is as follows:

Rack Numbers	New Rack Installation	Owners Relocate Kayaks	Rack(s) Demolished
MAR RA & MAR RB	November 5 - 7	November 8 - 11	November 12
MAR RC & MAR RD	November 12 -14	November 15 - 18	November 19
MAR RE & MAR RF	November 19 - 21	November 22 - 25	November 26
MAR RG & MAR RH	November 26 - 27	November 28 – December 2	December 3

In the unfortunate event a kayak is not moved by the due date, staff will cut the lock, relocate the craft to the new location, install a new lock and send an invoice for payment and notify the owner of the action taken.

Please contact Andrea at Member Services (memberservices@suddenvalley.com) to discuss any issues related to your current rack assignment. Given we need to move all of these with minimal disruption, we are freezing rack assignments effective today. If you desire to make any changes in rack assignment locations, please contact Andrea the week of December 2nd.



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