

National Marina Day Celebration –Family Fun Poker Run

Save the date for Saturday August 8th to celebrate National Marina Day with a “Family Fun Poker Run.” This event incorporates a fun day out on the water with a self guided tour to eight different Portland-area Clean Marinas, a chance to win some prizes, get to know other recreational boating enthusiasts, and enjoy great food and music.

Clean Marina's in the Portland area will showcase why they became certified. The participating Clean Marinas are committed to keeping the waterways and their facilities “green” while helping boaters learn how to become stewards of the environment.

Columbia Crossings has two of its four certified clean marinas participating in the event. One stop on the poker run is the *Jantzen Bay Marina*, who earned its certification in May 2006. The other is the *Tomahawk Bay Marina*, who earned their certification in November 2006. Both of these facilities are located on Hayden Island and offer boaters all the amenities you could ever want in a home port. Another facility on the tour for the poker run is the *Portland Yacht Club*. They were the first yacht club to become a certified Clean Marina in November of 2006. Located just up river from the PYC, is the *Rose City Yacht Club* who joined the Clean Marina program in April, 2007. Also during April, 2007, *Pier 99 Marina* was certified. The staff at this facility embraced the certification standards and has attracted new customers because of their Clean Marina status. Another pair of marinas that you will visit during your day boating will be the *McCuddy's Island Marina* and the *McCuddy's Marine Drive Marina*. McCuddy's Island Marina earned their certification in June, 2008 and Marine Drive Marina was certified in April, 2009. The last participating facility is the brand new *Waterside Marina*.

This facility, located on Hayden Island, is still under construction but is scheduled to be completed in June.

Registration for the Family Fun Poker Run is \$35 per boat, which includes one breakfast ticket, one poker hand, four tickets for the dinner BBQ and entry to the live music event, later in the evening. Extra breakfast tickets are \$5 per person and additional poker hands are \$20. Proceeds from the morning breakfast will go to the Fort Vancouver Sail and Power Squadron who promote boating safety education programs. Any additional proceeds from the event will be donated to the Portland Sea Scouts.

Registration forms are available from any of the above mentioned Clean Marinas or by contacting Glenn Dolphin, Clean Marina Coordinator for the Marine Board at 503-378-2625.

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