Marina Fire Safety

Specific fire prevention tips and precautions should be adhered to in the marine environment. The Seattle Fire Code requires marinas, piers, wharves and floats to develop an emergency response plan and train employees and boat owners on what to do during a fire. Visit CAM 5072 to learn more: www.seattle.gov/fire/FMO/firecode/cam/default.htm.

Fire Prevention

- Develop an addendum to the leasing contract that defines the fire prevention procedures for each boat owner.
- Conduct periodic trainings for boaters on topics such as fueling procedures, fire prevention and safe winterizing.

Prevent Fire Hazards

- Institute an electrical inspection program to ensure all shore power cordsets are marine grade, in good condition and that all permanent electrical fixtures are maintained in prime working condition.
- Contact owners of boats that are rarely used or are visibly neglected.
Foster an attitude of prevention and cleanliness for the overall safety of the marina—help develop the same attitude with individual boat owners.

Is your marina fire safe?
Items not checked may put the marina at higher risk from fire.

**Electrical**
- Shore power outlets, cordsets and permanent electrical fixtures are maintained and regularly inspected.

**Emergency Planning and Practice**
- The fire code requirements for fire emergency plans and required training are met. More information is available in the Seattle Fire Code or CAM_5072.
- Regular drills with employees and boat owners are held.

**Fire Protection Equipment and Extinguishers**

**Housekeeping**
- Post evacuation diagrams in public areas for tenants and guests.
- Keep public areas clean and clear – docks, parking lots, landscaping, restrooms, etc.
- Storage areas are free of waste paper, empty boxes and any other fire hazards.
- If the recycling or garbage receptacles are overflowing, contact the waste removal agency to make a collection.
- Insurance policies for both the marina and boat owners are up to date. Audit your files regularly to ensure certificates have not lapsed.

**Smoking Areas**
- Designate specific smoking areas away from fuel and other flammable materials.
- Provide non-combustible receptacles for cigarette ends, distinct from waste containers.