

ESCANABA MUNICIPAL MARINA

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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Assistant Harbor Master Dick Solka and the Marina Staff; Ben Booker, Dane Branson, Rob Caliguri, Mallery Fisher, Matthew LaFave, James McDonough, Nick Nolde, Emily Ollero, and Jordan Young have completed preparations for the 2009 boating season. The Marina Staff is looking forward to your company over the coming months and stands ready to serve your needs.

DOCK ATTENDANT HOURS

Dock Attendants are on duty at the Marina according to the following schedule:

<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>DAY</u>
May 11 - June 7	8:00 am – 6:00 pm Fri & Sat – 7:00 pm	Su-Th
June 8 - Aug 9	7:00 am - 9:00 pm Fri & Sat – 10:00 pm	Su-Th
Aug 10 – Sept 7	8:00 am – 8:00 pm Fri & Sat – 9:00 pm	Su-Th
Sept 8 – Sept 20	8:00 am – 5:00 pm Fri & Sat – 6:00 pm	Su-Th
Sept 21 – Oct 9	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	M-F

Additional weekend hours September 19/20, September 26/27 and October 3/4; 10:00 am – 2:00 p.m. Sa-Su. **All hours subject to change at the discretion of the Harbor Master.**

NIGHT WATCHMAN

A night security watchman is on duty at the Marina from May 11 through October 9, 2009.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MARINA/LUDINGTON PARK/ DOWNTOWN AREA

May 29th & 30th Krusin Klassics, Rib Fest, Parade, Car Show Swap Meet, and Dance – The annual fun run parade is held on Friday, May 29th downtown Escanaba. The activities continue on Saturday, May 30th at the UP State Fair Grounds. Fun Run car show starts at 7:00 am and a pancake breakfast is served 7-11 am. For more information visit www.krusinclassics.net.

May 30th – Farmer's Market – Located on 1st Avenue North and 9th Street. Fresh flowers, produce, and crafts. Wednesdays from 3-6pm and Saturdays 8am-12noon or until sold out.

June 20th – Don McInnis Memorial Walk in the Park – 5th Annual Walk in Ludington Park held from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm for Brain Tumor Research. Join them in the walk, raising awareness in our community and providing much needed funds for brain tumor research and support programs.

June 17th – August 19th Summer Band Concerts Escanaba's City Band will perform each Wednesday evening throughout the summer at the Karas Memorial Bandshell in Ludington Park at 7:30 pm.

June 26th & 27th – Big Ole's Pioneer Days
Held at the Upper Peninsula State Fair Grounds. The weekend will feature favorites such as the lumberjack show, adult beverage tent, live music, special kids' activities, dog show, turn of the century gas and steam village and sawmill, historical museum, and tethered hot air balloon rides, weather permitting.

July 4th Independence Day Celebration – Held in Ludington Park on Saturday, July 4th, starting with the Exchange Club's Family Day in the Park activities that include children's games, music, entertainment, and plenty of good food throughout the day. Concerts by the Bay Jazz Band and Escanaba City Band at the Band Shell. The day concludes with a large fireworks display in Ludington Park at dusk.

July 6th – 28th Art-in-the-Park – Held at the Ludington Park Pavilion on Mondays from 10:00 – 11:30 am and on Tuesdays from 12:30 – 2:00 pm. Sign up for individual sessions, or all 4 weeks. Contact the Bonifas Fine Arts Center at 786-3833 for information or to register.

July 25th - Annual Escanaba Lighthouse 5k Run/Walk – Held at the Ludington Park Bandshell/Picnic and Gathering Areas from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon. Race starts at 9:00 am.

August 1st – Waterfront Arts Festival – This annual judged art show attracts artists and artisans from across the mid-west. Held at the Band shell area of Ludington Park from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Bonifas invites young artists to join the Waterfront Arts Festival by setting up a booth and selling their wares and artwork. Call the Bonifas Fine Arts Center at 786-3833.

August 1st & 2nd – Michigan-Wisconsin Tennis Open – Upper Peninsula's largest and

oldest tennis tournament with tournament headquarters in Ludington Park. Various skill and age divisions set for youth and adult players. Registration info available at braves10s@charter.net. Forms also available at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center.

August 12th – 14th – B.A.S.S. Northern Divisional Bass Fishing Championship Tournament – Championship anglers from eight states will angle for a new truck and boat by winning the Northern Divisional Championship. Boats will launch at 6:30 am at the Escanaba Harbor and weigh-in will be 2:30 pm daily. There will be a kid's casting competition held at 4:00 pm on Thursday, August 13th at the Catherine Bonifas Civic Center.

August 18th – 23rd – U.P. State Fair – Held in Escanaba since 1928, the UP State Fair features food, rides, entertainment, agricultural and natural resource exhibits.

September 10th – 12th – Lake States Logging Congress and Equipment Exposition – Held at the UP State Fair Grounds. There will be timber harvesting and processing equipment displays. There will also be logging truck rides for kids and logging competitions for the public to watch.

September 20th – Century Bike Ride - Join the 8th Annual Century Bike Ride day cycling through Delta County enjoying great food and the spectacular views of Little Bay de Noc. For more information visit www.deltami.org.

LUDINGTON PARK FACILITIES

Pavilion, band shell, and gazebo available for use with advance reservations required. \$50 reservation fee per day/event for pavilion and band shell. \$30 fee per 2 hour time block for gazebo. Call the Recreation Department at 786-4141 to book your special event.

LUDINGTON PARK CONCESSIONAIRES

Depidy Dawg Ice Cream concessionaire owners William and Lori Blitz will be serving up your favorite ice cream bars, popsicles, frozen cones and other treats! Their ice cream vending unit will be parked in Ludington Park for daily operation. A second vending unit will drive around the Escanaba area and thru Ludington Park every 2 hours.

PROJECTS UPDATE

L-Dock Project. The L-Dock project to replace the 50' bridge section is moving forward. The permitting process with the MDEQ and Army Corps of Engineers still needs to be done before construction can be commenced. Construction is anticipated for the fall of 2009 or the spring of 2010 dependent on permitting.

CABLE TV

Rates for 2009 will remain as before (\$30/mo or \$4/day). Rates subject to change.

TRANSIENT SLIP RENTAL POLICY

If you are going to be away with your vessel for more than a 24 hour period, please inform a Dock Attendant of your anticipated departure/arrival dates and times. Your cooperation will help our staff serve and place visiting vessels.

MARINA PARKING

If you are going to be away with your vessel for an extended period of time, you may park in the far north area of the marina parking lot.

MARINE RADIO

The Escanaba Marine base station radio monitors **Channel 9** and will utilize **Channel 9** and **Channel 68** as the working stations.

DOCK CARTS

Dock carts are conveniently located at the foot of Pier I, II and III for your use. Please ask a Dock Attendant for a key to access the carts.

DOCK BOXES

If you are interested in either purchasing or renting a dock box for your slip, please see the Assistant Harbor Master for details. The dock boxes are a great way to stow your belongings and eliminate clutter. Rental/purchase statements are billed in August annually.

REFUSE AND TRASH

A dumpster is located at Pier II. Recycling bins are also located at Pier I and by the dumpster at Pier II. Just a reminder - please do not deposit used oil in the garbage dumpster at the Marina. Proper disposal of used motor oil is the responsibility of the individual.

WEED HARVESTING

Boaters who desire weeds to be cut in their slip are asked to contact the Assistant Harbor Master. Weeds will be cut as conditions permit.

BOAT LAUNCHES

North Shore and Aronson Island boat launch passes available at \$45/vessel per season or \$4 per day. Season passes may be purchased at the Escanaba Marina, City Utility Window, or Civic Center. Limited to 26' vessels.

Marina seasonal slip holders with trailerable vessels are reminded to stop by the Harbor Office to obtain a complimentary day launch permit.

SEASONAL SLIP ALLOCATION POLICY

Several boaters have called and indicated they wish to sell their vessels over the course of the season. Please review your Marina Agreement regarding refunds and slip allocations. If you intend to sell your vessel, please contact the Harbor Master early on to eliminate any

misunderstanding or problems. The Harbor Master will do all he can to help make your transition as smooth as possible.

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Escanaba Harbor Advisory Committee meets monthly, on the first Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm. Please call the Recreation Department Office to confirm meeting day, time and location. The public is welcome to attend.

SUGGESTION FORM

Please feel free to complete a suggestion form available at the Harbor Master's Office. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed!

On behalf of the Marina staff and the Recreation Department, we wish you an enjoyable boating season!

Tom Penegor, Recreation Director &
Harbor Master