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Marina Buzz

March 2018

"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours."



- Mark Twain

Greetings!

Ahh Spring! The season that fills me with hope and excitement, readiness for blooming flowers and warmer days. The same season that squashes those dreams, toying with my emotions with it's fickle weather and out-of-the-blue snow storms. That's the trade off for living in the mountains I suppose, and I wouldn't trade that for anything!

In a few days March will be just a memory and we'll be that much closer to boating season. There is still a lot to do on our end to ready the marina for the hustle and bustle of summer, and spring is the perfect opportunity to get things done. Enjoy this spring season (with all of it's crazy head games) and we'll see you in a few short months!

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Today's View Out the Window



Get Out and Enjoy Dillon This Summer!

We are always looking for ways to show off our beautiful back yard here in Dillon and there are plenty of options to choose from every summer. Check it out!

Marina Boat Tours, Rentals and More

There is no better way to enjoy the lake and 360° mountain views than from a boat. Rent your own pontoon, runabout or sailboat, take a sailing lesson or just hop aboard an amazing boat tour and leave the driving to us. Check out DillonMarina.com and pick your pleasure today!



Cool Mountain Music by the Lake



The Dillon Amphitheater is the coolest venue in the county for music. Nothing gets you closer to the water with epic mountain views while bringing you a summer full of all your favorite tunes. The amphitheater will continue to offer free concerts every Friday and Saturday night throughout the summer. Some bigger named shows will be added weeknights for an admission fee. The lineup will be posted on the [Dillon Events Page](#) soon. Hope to see you on the lawn this summer!

Activities Galore

Looking for a more active way to explore Dillon? We've got something for every level of adventurer. Explore the lake by canoe, kayak or paddle board, then pick one of the amazing hikes around the lake (be sure to have your camera ready!) Grab your bike or just a pair of walking shoes and make your way around our almost 25 miles of rec path. Then there's the tennis courts, disc golf course, kids playground,

and community garden to check out. Is your head spinning yet? The point is, there is no end to what Dillon has to offer so come check us out this summer!



Coming Soon! **The Summit Shuttle**

takes to the lake, offering one way and round trip passage to and from the Dillon and Frisco Marinas. More information coming in the April Buzz so stay tuned!

From the Helm

Ahoy Mates,



Well, we are fully into the beginning of spring and that means storage renewals are complete and your vessel has a home for the summer. Congratulations! A big thanks to Shannon for all the hard work to get everyone

renewed.

I would like to thank everyone that participated in the **Dillon Marina Tenant Survey** in 2017. We sent out 280 surveys last summer and 296 surveys last winter. We received 97 and 93 respondents respectively. So approximately one third of you are actively participating. Phillip Sawarynski is the winner of the \$100 Gift Card for the Dillon Marina. Please take the time to help us help you to make the Dillon Marina a great place to visit. Craig, Shannon, and I will be

addressing some of your concerns over the next few Marina Buzz newsletters.

SAFETY!

I would like to address what I consider one of our top priorities and that is safety! There were many areas of concern in 2017 that we addressed but there are more for 2018. In 2017, we addressed some issues on the docks that included dock decking with either concrete tiles or new boards, safety ladders, gateway lighting, walkway lighting, signage, rub rails, whalers, cleats, and anchors and cables. In 2018 we will address the transition plates and wheels on A, B, C, D, E, and G docks. Safety stations will be established to help centralize some of our safety equipment which includes fire extinguishers, life rings with throw ropes, and safety ladders. We will also continue to work on dock decking, rub rails, whalers, cleats, and anchors and cables.

FEES!

Another concern is fees. Storage fees are developed based on an annual rate study that includes most Colorado marinas and some in Utah. Dillon Marina falls in the middle of these rates and we offer the most variety of storage options in the state. A big change for 2018 is that a per foot system was adapted to develop a fair and equitable structure which is solely based on your vessel length that is listed by the manufacture's name of the vessel. For example: J24 = 24', Catalina 250 = 25', Hunter 310 = 31'. Another fee that is being changed is for stepping the mast. Before, there was a fee to step your mast which basically meant the mast was taken from horizontal to vertical with a minimum tune so it would not fall. Due to liability concerns, when you ask the marina staff to step your mast we will be moving your vessel with our tractor to a mast stepper, securing the trailer with wheel chocks and jack stands if necessary, utilizing an

appropriately sized ladder, inspection of the running and standing rigging and any other devices on the masthead before it is raised, installation of a wind indicator device if appropriate, raising the mast to a vertical position and then tuning the rig. The turnbuckles will be secured with split rings or cotter pins and then taped with rigging tape. The vessel will then be placed in a parking spot until it is launched by you the customer or the marina staff. This whole process requires multiple staff members and the tractor to complete.

Thanks again and have a safe spring. Excited to see all of you in 2018!

Please send an email or call us here at the marina if you have any questions or concerns.

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Shop Talk

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to another edition of Shop Talk where it was March 1st this morning and it's almost April this afternoon. A wise person once said, "time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana".

With April right around the corner it's time to start thinking about getting your boat ready to launch. Need hull wax? We have it. Dock lines? We have it. Teak oil, boat soap, fenders, wind indicators, rigging tape, split rings, cotter pins, blocks, fairleads, shackles....4-inch bilge



blower? We have that too. However, we are no longer keeping these items up front in the retail shop so please ask us if you need something and we will locate them for you back in our parts room.

In case you missed my plug for the US Sailing "[Safety at Sea](#)" course in the last Buzz, I'll do it again. On June 2nd, 2018 the Lake Dillon Yacht Club is sponsoring a Safety at Sea course right here in Summit County. I have already begun the online portion of the course and give it two thumbs up. If you are interested in participating please contact me at craigs@dillonmarina.com for more information and pricing.

Thank you and have a wonderful April!

Happy Sailing!

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Marina Hours



Now-May 20th

Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm

May 21st- June 22nd

Monday-Sunday, 9:00am-5:00pm

June 23rd- September 2nd

Monday-Sunday, 8:00am-7:00pm
September 3rd- October 21st
Monday-Sunday, 9:00am- 5:00pm
October 22nd- winter season
Monday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm

For questions relating to **Kayak and SUP rentals**, please call **Stand up Paddle Colorado** @ 970-453-7873 or visit them online @ StandupPaddleColorado.com

For any **Fishing-related questions**, find an expert at one of the Charter Fishing companies below:
[Big Ed's Fishing Adventures](#)
[Alpine Fishing Adventures](#)

For all marina-related questions, choose an option below.

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"You cannot cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water."



- Robindranath Tagore



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