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## Marina Buzz

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."



-Albert Einstein

### Greetings!

We have officially kicked off another new year! No doubt, resolutions have been made and resolutions have already been broken. But some are succeeding and have the potential to re-shape the look of the future. Our resolution each year is to find new and exciting ways to improve your experience here with us at the Dillon Marina. Read on below for some exciting new things that are in the works now and what that means for you this upcoming summer season.

### Recent Views Out the Window



A whole new reservoir sport



Our regulars in the winter



A closer look at winter sailing



If you can't reach Phil or Craig, look for them here



Craig working hard @ the Denver Boat Show

### Quick Links

- [Reservoir Water Levels](#)
- [Today's Forecast](#)
- [2018 Spring Work Order](#)

### Marina Slip and Storage Renewals



#### Have you opened up your 2018 Marina Renewal yet?

If that question has you wide-eyed and confused because you don't recall getting your renewal, then shoot me an [email](#) to make sure we have your correct email address on file. Renewals were emailed out December 20th. The good news is you still have five more days to get it returned in time to take advantage of that **2% discount**. Or feel free to throw it on the back burner for the **final deadline of March 1st**. We'd love for you to complete the renewal electronically, of course, but if you just need to feel that paper in your hands, feel free to print it out and mail it in. As far as I know, the post office still works. Lastly, if you know you will not be renewing this

season, please [notify us](#) as soon as possible so we can open your space up for another customer.

## Online Bill Pay is here!

### Ready...set...pay bills!

Have you ever found yourself awake at midnight, thinking about the marina and all the paperwork and payments you need to take care of, wishing you could just get it done right that minute instead of waiting until the next day? Ok, maybe not. But, the point is that if or when you do want to handle marina business, you'll be able to do so at your leisure, day or night...weekday or weekend...full suit or jammies. Just log in and get it all done in one place.



**Ready to get started?** Click [here](#) to access the marina online customer portal. This will walk you through everything needed to set up your own personal account. There are a few steps the first time you do this as the marina will need to take your request and tie your account request to the marina database. But once that is done, you'll be all set!

One thing online bill pay does not do is allow you to split payments, add services or adjust an invoice. For example, at renewal time, you can't add your 2% discount or trailer storage. But if you let us know what services you need, we'll adjust the invoice for you & then it will be ready for you to pay. It's not a perfect system but we're working our way toward that every year. And once we succeed, together we will rule the world!

### From the Helm

#### Ahoy Mates,



Happy New Year! Hopefully you and yours had a wonderful holiday season! Now is the time to make sure you secure your vessels home for the summer, so don't miss out as demand for boat storage is quite high. Please stay in touch as there will be some changes to our procedures this season. Shannon has the details but we are excited to be upgrading our abilities to service you and your vessels.

Snow pack is a concern this season state wide but the two river basins that affect Dillon Reservoir are doing quite well considering. As of January 1, 2018, the Blue River Basin was at 87% and the Upper South Platte was at 82% of the median of snow pack which is an outstanding number. The rest of the state is only at 54% of the median of snow pack and 49% of last year. As of January 16, 2018, the reservoir is only down 4.33 feet and still not 100% frozen. I am quite comfortable at this time about a full reservoir for the 2018 season unless Mother Nature and Denver Water do something out of the ordinary.

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Reservoir levels can be watched throughout the entire winter at the following website: [www.denverwater.org/supplyplanning/watersupply/reservoirlevels/](http://www.denverwater.org/supplyplanning/watersupply/reservoirlevels/)

Now for some exciting news! I received final approval to proceed with the replacement of A-Dock! This is a major project for us as the marina staff will be performing the actual installation. A-Dock will be a modern wave attenuator as well as home for 24 slip customers similar to the old A-Dock but with much improved abilities to settle the incoming waves. The old A-Dock will be 30 years old this season, so we say farewell to an old friend that has helped to protect the entire marina for all those storms and seasons. We will be trying to complete the installation by the beginning of July but there are no guarantees. A-Dock customers will be placed in available slips throughout the

marina or on the old A-Dock without a gangway until the new dock is completed. Thank you for your patience on this major upgrade.

Thanks again and have a safe winter. 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.  
[philhofer@dillonmarina.com](mailto:philhofer@dillonmarina.com) or call (970) 468-5100 x-103.

## Shop Talk

### Hi Everybody!

Well...the projects keep moving along down here at the marina. I'm excited for everyone to see some of the stuff we've been working on for you. If your boat is on B, C, D or E-Docks, you will no longer have to "mind the gap" from the shore to the gangway with a cart full of stuff. We have installed new transition plates, axles and tires on the shore ends and have repaired the railings and walking surfaces. G-Dock, you get a new transition plate as well. A-Dock..... you get a whole new dock. F-Dock..... you get nothing 😊 but stop by the shop and I'll give you a high five.

**Disclaimer!** Shannon has requested I tell you she had no part in the above "bad humor" and all questions or face punches should be directed at me, Craig Simson.



The kayak racks have all been re-welded and improved, the walking path from the DYC building to the kayak racks has been widened and improved, the front office / retail area has been reconfigured to better serve our customers and its only January! Basically, we appreciate all of you and are working hard to improve your experience at the Dillon Marina.

That's all for now. Enjoy what's left of January.

Thank you,

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## Ice Castles a Hit in Dillon

How do you draw thousands of people to a small town in the middle of the mountains? Apparently you build ice castles in the middle of town. The crowds at the ice castles this past month have been unbelievable. It's like the farmers market of winter. The streets are lined with cars and the town is all the buzz with "castle talk." That all being said, we wanted to make sure you are aware that the castles are closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. During those days, the team continues to build and grow the spectacle higher and higher. It is most definitely worth a visit to Dillon. Check out this [video clip](#) from the Summit Daily News for a sneak peek on the action inside the castles. Reserve your tickets in advance as it sells out quickly! Get your tickets online [here](#).



**Winter Hours**



The good news is I made it back from Baja in one piece. The bad news is...it's COLD here and whatever tan I managed to get is now covered head to toe in fleece.

We are now all here in the office **Mondays-Fridays, from 9am-5pm.**

**Come by and visit...and don't forget the hot coffee!**

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*"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."*

*-Oprah Winfrey-*



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