



## Timberlake Fire Protection District

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### NOTICE

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**To: Marina Owners and Operators in Bayview**  
**From: Jack Krill, Fire Chief /s/**  
**Subject: Marina Fire Prevention Follow-up #2 and Propane Grills**

This is a follow up to the March 16, 2009 and June 19, 2009 notices on marina fire prevention. As promised, we have developed posters for you to display to meet the fire code requirements for "posted information for users." Please have these posted near the dock entrances and as needed in the marinas by March 1, 2010. If you need more, please let me know. We may update these annually. Other March 1, 2010 deadlines include the following:

1. Fire extinguishers with the location and type/size approved by the fire district.
2. Electrical shut offs identified
3. Address and location markers

Please be sure to submit your plans for the locations and the types of fire extinguishers used to the fire district so that we can properly review those items per the fire code requirements. The other deadlines include the following:

1. Dry standpipes (or fire district approved hose carts) by June 1, 2012
2. Means to report a fire or emergency by June 1, 2012

I have been asked to clarify barbecue grills and open flame devices in marinas after some inquiries last summer. Open flame devices such as **candles, torches, charcoal grills, and wood fired grills are strictly prohibited**. Since nearly every float home has a propane grill and since they have been used safely without incident in the past, I sought clarification from the state fire marshals office. Section 308.3.1.1 of the fire code states "*Liquefied-petroleum-gas-fueled cooking devices... shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction. Exception: One- and two-family dwellings.*"

At this time, we will consider float homes as one-family dwellings. Therefore **propane fueled grills are permitted provided they are operated safely**. This means they must be on a stable surface, always attended, cleaned of grease, not under an enclosure (roof, eave, floor, etc.), beyond 50 feet of fuel docks, and there must be a fire extinguisher within reach (less than 5 feet away). Users must also follow the manufacturer's instructions, most require a **clearance of 24 inches between the grill and any combustibles**. We will observe the safe use of propane grills this summer and reserve the right to prohibit their use in the future.

We would like to reiterate our commitment to assist in any way that we can to bring the marinas into compliance with the fire code, including the consideration of alternatives and waiving the fire district fees for plan reviews and inspections. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 683-3333 (work), 818-1101 (cell), or chief@timberlakefire.com. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to marina fire prevention.

cc: Timberlake Fire Protection District Commissioners, Bayview Chamber of Commerce, Bayview Community Council, Float Home Owners Association