

RLPOA
NEW BOAT DOCK SUB COMMITTEE
August 23, 2005

We have had many boat dock sub committee meetings from January 18th 2005 thru august 3rd 2005. Brian Whitley has requested that we summarize what we have done up to now so he may pursue the option of taking a community wide vote on this issue. The following points are extracted from the minutes of the meetings. Please review and provide your comments.

1. Recognized a demand for new slips.
2. Acknowledged the handwritten note faxed from an employee at the Corps of Engineers was not a study, but a reference to a guideline used on corps lakes.
3. Safety is of great importance to everyone involved in this process.
4. There are enough places on the lake to place docks that do not intrude into the main channel to meet the current demand for new slips.
5. Parking can present a problem in some areas if the lessees are not within walking distance of their slips. Estimates of current demand should not present these problems
6. Any new docks should be built to a high standard, including trex style decking, galvanized framework, single well slips, and complete electrical with lighting.
7. Financing for docks for long term leases should be paid for from lessees and not from the general fund.
8. Lake safety is behavior driven and managing safety is an ongoing concern that will need intense scrutiny as we see more build out in our community regardless of whether or not we build more docks.
9. The yellow flag rule needs to be addressed in more detail.
10. A survey to determine current demand has been administered. Future demand estimates have been made, but the reliability of these estimates is uncertain.
11. There is no known entity that can tell us what number of docks on the lake will result in what type of boating activity, and whether or not we can manage boating habits with our water patrol. However, entities have provided general guidelines and the subcommittee have incorporated these estimates in its figures.
12. There has not been a direct link recognized from number of docks to insurance rates. --Well actually there would be a slight liability increase for added amenities and for property damage but we are moving to self-insurance of boat docks.
13. Additional slips in various locations around the lake, managed by RLPOA as courtesy slips, could soften the demand for more slips in the future.

Action item:

The Board, with community input, needs to balance the demand of boat slips with the desire of boaters and skiers and other residents in maintaining Raintree Lake as a fast lake