

PARKS MARINA MARCH '10



Sittin' on the dock of the bay, watchin' the tide roll away. Key West in February is like Okoboji in the summer. Water sports everywhere, wave runners, old sailing ships, catamarans, party barges, fishing boats, glass bottom boats, all enjoying family and friends, food and cocktails, and beautiful sunsets on the water. It's tourism at its best!



It's only 30 or 40 days until ice-out at Okoboji. This year we may be snowmobiling April 1st and boating April 15th. That's my prediction. We sure shoveled a lot of snow this year. The teams at Parks Marina and Okoboji Boat Works have performed beautifully. You may have heard that we had a couple of storage buildings collapse under the huge snow load. While we had a few boats damaged (all have been repaired), our team

anticipated and moved all of the boats out of one building just before it went down, saving a lot of boats, money and labor. Since then, they have removed the snow load off all other buildings. This has been a huge job and I am so proud of our team. We will be replacing two storage buildings this summer with new, stronger ones. This global warming sure is tough to deal with. I thought by now we would be growing oranges and peaches in Iowa. Maybe soon we'll be leaving our palm trees outside year-round.

We are loaded up with new and used boats, and as Willie Nelson sings, "If you got the money honey, we've got the time. We'll take your Cadillac, leave my old wreck behind!" We will trade for anything that doesn't eat. Time is drifting away, so start enjoying the good life.

We are doing our best to WOW you every time you get to Okoboji. It's not too early to book your cruises out of Okoboji Boat Works this summer. The new Diamond Lady, a 58' Bluewater Yacht, is already booking up and the Barefoot Barge is so popular, you need to plan ahead to get the good dates. The Fish House is booking and will cruise more this summer as it handles up to 130 passengers. You can even take your dogs.

You may have gotten the e-mail regarding a new lawsuit the City of Okoboji has filed against me and Okoboji Boat Works. I read about it in the paper. It sounds like more of the same stuff they have been doing since we bought Okoboji Boat Works in 2001. This is one of at least a dozen times they have sued us since then. It disgusts me the way they spend taxpayers' money (they are raising taxes again this year too). They are blessed to have a very large tax base, and could easily end up with a surplus. How about having the four complainers file their own suit rather than force the entire city to pay for it? If they would only leave us alone, we could produce income for the city and county and add many new jobs. It all just seems so wrong to me. They already paid us \$500,000 for discrimination and harassment. Maybe I need to run for mayor next time. How about lower taxes, a welcome smile to vacationers, trash containers throughout the city, legalizing golf carts on our streets, and free garbage pick-up again for all its citizens? You can see the news article on our website, www.parksmarina.com, and then click on the News and Events tab.

Ugh, enough of that! We are planning on having the best summer we have ever had. This is year 27 for Parks Marina and we will continue to offer you the best experience at Okoboji we can. We are all excited to see the soft water again. If you're in or around our Sioux Falls store, located on 4300 N. Cliff Avenue, make a stop. It's loaded up with new Cobalts, Crownlines, Grady Whites, Premier and South Bay Pontoons. Many of our prices are lower than two years ago. Please buy a boat from us and you will soon understand why "boating keeps families from drifting apart."

I miss you all!

Oh and by the way, Debbie and I were married at sunset, February 20th, on the dock of the bay, in Key West, FL.



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