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Wow, what an August it was, the best one in the history of Parks Marina! Thanks to all who patronize our businesses, I want you to know how much we appreciate it. Our staff, young and old, enjoy the successes everyday. We certainly did not slow down, I especially enjoyed our Beatles Tribute Night. What a show! I remember the sixties well; it was Vietnam War time, and a peace and love movement that changed history. There are some great pictures of the Barefoot British Invasion on our Facebook page, we can't wait to have the band back next year!

September and October are all about trading boats. Buy a new boat now, trade in the old one. Save on winterization, storage, insurance, and worry. Then you can pick up your new boat in the spring full of gas and ready to go. We still have a bunch of boats without the catalytic converter. Save another \$2500 to \$6000 tax and sales tax on the tax!

If you choose to keep your current boats we will completely buff and detail them for you. Many customers don't recognize their boat in the spring. We'll do our best to make it look like new and we work cheaper in the winter. Speaking of winter, we are just completing our largest storage building ever. It is 332 feet long, 50,000 square feet and stacks boats 3 high. The boys and I are excited to have the new space just in time for storage season!

Now for the latest update on the newest lawsuit from the city of Okoboji. If you haven't heard, they think that Cluckers Chicken is stinking up the neighborhood and they also want to stop people from having a drink on our fleet of Excursion Boats. Here are a couple of outrageous statements that have been made about our Okoboji Boat Works family marina. Sue Larson stated Dorothy Sloma said "one night when coming home she saw people having sex on her lawn." Is she sure they came from Okoboji Boat Works? I wonder if they were wearing our logo t-shirts? Chris Hedgpeth once said she was or could be exposed to nude wanderings. Maybe there's a pervert in the neighborhood! Sounds like an Okoboji Summer Theater "who-done-it?" to me! If this stuff is real, shouldn't they call the police? Since purchasing the property in 2001 we have never broken a law. Okoboji Boat Works bar has not had a city issued Liquor License since 2006, and yet the harassment and discrimination continue. Also per Sue Larson, Gretchen Graham says that she has been subjected to hearing the Cartwright Band singing obscenities. It has been nearly 5 years since The Cartwright Band has played at the Boat Works. Sue Larson states that her drive along Lake Shore Drive just isn't pretty anymore. I'm really sorry that she doesn't appreciate the multi-million dollar renovation the old Boat Works has undergone. Maybe if they could get over this pettiness they would see what so many families, locals, tourists, kids, dogs, boaters, water lovers, pirates and poets LOVE about Okoboji Boat Works. It sounds like slumber party stories, and I'm confused again by this harassment and discrimination. Our liquor license for our boats is issued by the State and clearly out of their jurisdiction. Why don't they sue the Queen if they hate people drinking on boats so much?

THANK YOU to all who have e-mailed and written letters of encouragement. It makes us stronger as we battle ahead. Councilman General Neal Christensen, of the Vietnam War era, once told me to never start or fight a war you cannot win. I said thanks for the advice General.

I'm never going to give up.

These are my United States Constitutional rights. Many of our 200 employees are certainly willing to fight for their careers. Council members and General Christensen, you should take your own advice now. Not once has the city offered any kind of compromise, which I have encouraged numerous times. By the time this ends we will all be dead. We should learn from history. Peace and Love.

-Butch

P.S. How about a "Woodstock" at OBW? Let's make love not war.



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