

City of Petaluma

Marina and Turning Basin / Mooring

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What is the transient mooring fee at the Marina or Turning Basin?*

A: As of July 1, 2017, the Marina or Turning Basin mooring fee is \$30 per day.

Q: *Can I dock on the Weller Street side of the Turning Basin if the City and Yacht Club side is full?*

A: Any space not already occupied is ok. Same permit applies to all docks in the Turning Basin.

Q: *How and where do I pay for mooring at the Turning Basin?*

A: Mooring permits are in "DOCK FEE BOX" locations clearly marked near the Marina boat slip, or at the Turning Basin near the Drop Fee Box sign. Fill out permit, put payment in box, & display receipt on boat visible from dock.

Q: *Are the gates at the Turning Basin locked? What about the Marina?*

A: The gates are locked at 8:00 PM and unlocked at 8:00 AM. Marina is always locked; berth renters have keys.

Q: *How do I get the Turning Basin gate code?*

A: The gate code is included in with mooring permit when you pay your fee.

Q: *How many boats can dock at one time?*

A: There have been as many as 80 boats in the Turning Basin, but that is very rare.

Q: *How many electric/water hook ups are there at the Turning Basin?*

A: On the downtown yacht club side there are 36/30 amp outlets, 18 water hose bibs. On Weller Street wooden docks: 20/30 amp outlets, 12 water hose bibs

Q: *Are there shower and/or bathroom privileges?*

A: There are no public restrooms at the Turning Basin. However, Yacht Club members with reciprocity may use facilities at the Petaluma Yacht Club. There are showers and restrooms available to boaters staying at the marina. Please contact the Yacht Club. Their web site lists that they are open at 6:00 PM on Fridays and at 5:00 PM on Saturdays.

Q: *How deep is it in the Turning Basin?*

A: **At a zero low tide, much of the Turning Basin is about 2 feet deep.** There are deeper spots along docks (depths marked on rub rail are at zero tide). Recommend for deep draft boats to come up river with a min. 4-foot tide (preferably on the incoming tide). Keep out of marked area, shallow area between hazard markers to far shore. **Be aware of the tide when planning arrival or departure from the Marina or Turning Basin.**

Q: *How long does it take to get from the Marina to the Turning Basin?*

A: About 15 minutes at no wake speed.

Q: *How long does it take to get from the entrance of the river to the Turning Basin?*

A: From marker 1 entrance to Petaluma river channel to turning basin, distance is 15 miles. Time will depend on speed. (e.g., at 30 mph, it would take ½ hr., at 15 mph, it would take 1 hr., and at 7 mph, it would take 2 hrs.)

Q: *What is the Internet login name and password?*

A: Please visit the Petaluma Yacht Club: <http://www.petalumayachtclub.com/>. Their site indicates that Wi-Fi is free for visiting Yacht Clubs. Connection information and password is available in the club book located at the bar. You can also obtain that information when you book your trip with their Rear Commodore.

Q: *Whom do I call for emergencies?*

A: Call 911 from a landline phone if you have a life or death emergency, or to report an in-progress incident. When using a cellular phone, please contact the Petaluma Police Department at 707-762-2727, or the Petaluma Fire Department at 707-762-4545 to report a fire.

Q: *What do I do if my boat becomes stuck in the mud?*

A: If you cannot get free, please wait for the incoming tide.

Q: *Can I dock parallel to the dock versus stern in if there are not many boats in the Turning Basin?*

A: Side tie is ok if room available. However, be ready to stern tie if more boats arrive.

Q: *Who is the Harbormaster?*

A: Currently the Director of Public Works & Utilities and the Operations Manager act as the City Harbor Master. They can be reached at 707-778-4546, option 2.