

Introduction

Oregon Yacht Club's Restated Bylaws, Article IX, establishes the process whereby a shareholder with seniority (Bumper) can bump and occupy the moorage space of a new shareholder (Bumpee), thus requiring the bumpee to allow the relocation of his/her houseboat to either the bumper's space or another open moorage space.

The Bump Guide provides needed information to assist shareholders with the procedures necessary to follow in relocating their houseboat (as a bumper or bumpee).

General Information

1. As specified in the Oregon Yacht Club Restated Bylaws, Article IX, the shareholder initiating the bump (bumper) is responsible for all relocation costs to both parties (please review Bylaw Article IX).
2. It is important that upon the OYC Board's approval of a "Bump", the shareholders involved reach an agreement ASAP on a date for the bump to take place.
3. Each shareholder involved in the bump may make his/her separate arrangements necessary in completing the bump, but both shareholders will need to work together and coordinate certain procedures and services involved with the move (e.g., date & time for disconnections, towing, etc.)
4. Size and Fit of Houseboats: The size of all slips is approximately the same (with the exception of #33). The sizes of houses are not the same, nor are the positions of houses within the spaces. **Therefore, it is the responsibility of the shareholder initiating the bump to verify all dimensions and conditions for both his/her house and the house to be bumped, keeping in mind that setback requirements must be met.** This includes sewer and water hook-ups, natural gas connections, electrical connections, telephone and TV cable connections and any other utilities or hookups that may be present on the houseboats.
5. The bumper will need to schedule all needed services well in advance. The bumper and bumpee should also be aware that communication problems might occur to prevent certain services from occurring on the date and/or time they are scheduled. Thus, it is also recommended that follow-up contacts with businesses selected be made the week prior to the service date(s) in order to re-confirm the scheduled services.
6. A proposed Bump Plan must be submitted to the Board within 30 days of the bump's approval.

Relocation Procedures and Services

The specific procedures required and the business services available to complete a houseboat

relocation follow. Use the resource section of the guide to identify businesses that provide houseboats with needed bump/relocation services.

1. Coordination

The individual shareholders involved, especially the bumper, may elect to handle various aspects of the bump. On the other hand, experienced persons and businesses are available to coordinate/supervise most tasks and services involved in houseboat relocations.

2. Towing

Services of a commercial tugboat will be needed for the relocation of the houseboats. The tugboat service may or may not include disconnecting the houseboat from its mooring to the walkway, neighbor and piling, and reconnecting into the new moorage slip. The disconnecting and reconnecting may also be handled either by the shareholder or another contracted service.

Proposed reconnect details must be submitted as part of the Bump Plan Details.

Reconnecting into a new moorage slip may require placement of mooring bars, new spacers between the house and walkway, chain, shackles and other hardware. OYC has mooring bars and chain. The Bumper will be charged for the chain, and will need to purchase the other hardware.

3. Electrical

The Bumper must schedule an electrical service to handle the electrical utilities. The Bumper may want to obtain bids from different companies. A permit is required, but the electrical service should be able to coordinate this.

Each slip has one electrical meter and that meter must meet all electrical needs; additional meter installations are not possible.

PGE should read the old meter and new meter upon completion of the move. Be sure to specify meter and code.

4. Natural Gas

If the houseboat has natural gas, the Bumper can disconnect the gas meter, but is not permitted to reconnect the gas meter in the new slip. Only NW Natural is approved to reconnect to the new meter. Prior to the reconnect, it may be necessary to have a heating company install a pipe from the houseboat connection to the gas meter. Once the new pipe is installed, the heating company must run a 24hour pressure test on the pipe and note that it was successful. Otherwise, NW Natural will not connect the meter.

The Bumper will pay for the cost of installing the pipeline and the pressure test. There is no cost by NW Natural.

The Bumper is responsible to contact both the heating company and NW Natural to schedule the date for the reconnect.

5. Sewer & Water

The Bumper is responsible for the disconnect and reconnect of the sewer and water. OYC has established a uniform sewer and water connection system and location that must be followed. OYC will provide the sewer connection and water connection on the main lines on the walkway. The bumper should take a water meter reading at both sites just prior to the disconnect and after the reconnect.

6. Telephone

The Bumper/Bumpee may disconnect the telephone line from the current junction box. However, the Bumper must schedule a date for the reconnection. A line cannot be connected in a new slip unless the prior owner has called and placed an order to have his/her phone line disconnected. The current owner should place an order well enough in advance of the bump date to be assured that will be available at the time for the reconnection. This may require two or more weeks advance notification.

7. Cable TV and Broadband

As with telephone service, the Bumper/Bumpee may disconnect the home's the cable TV at the time of moving the houseboats. The provider must do reconnection. As with the telephone reconnections, it is best to schedule the reconnection at least two weeks before the bump date.

8. Floatation

New or additional floatation may not be necessary. The need depends on the lie of the houseboat, water movement in the slip etc.