

Waitlist Information

Thank you for inquiring about our waitlists. We hope this information helps you to better understand our system and answer your questions. If you have any remaining questions after reading this information, or have decided to sign up for one or more waitlists, please contact our Marina Office at 360.528.8049. Thank you!

Which waitlists are available?

We offer waitlists for all slip sizes where we don't have availability. Slips up to 36 ft often have availability throughout the winter but fill up during the summer season. Slips over 40 ft almost always have a waitlist.

What is the average waiting time on each list?

While it is difficult to say how quickly each list moves, we can give you an idea per slip size. These are average times, and they fluctuate throughout the year, with the summertime usually moving the slowest, and the wintertime moving the fastest. You may always give us a call to check if we have a waitlist for the slip size you are looking for.

32 ft: 1-4 months	42 ft: 1-3 years	>50 ft: 3-5 years
36 ft: 3-6 months	44 ft: 1-3 years	Liveboard: 1-3 years
40 ft: 6 months to 1 year	50 ft: 2-3 years	

What is the cost for getting on a waitlist?

The investment to get on a waitlist is a \$50 one-time non-refundable fee, and we charge this fee per waitlist (example; getting onto both the 44 ft waitlist and the liveboard waitlist would be \$100).

How do I know which slip size waitlist I should get on?

Your boat will need to fit completely inside the slip length – we have a strict no-overhang policy to increase the safety for all boats and boaters in our marina. We are always happy to measure your boat for you before you start a contract or get on the waitlist, for example if you are visiting us on the Guest Dock or with your boat on a trailer, so you know that you'll fit the slip you are getting on the waitlist for.

To determine what size slip you need for your boat, you'll need to measure your boat from the very tip of the bow/anchor pulpit/bow sprit/or the most protruding forward part of your boat, to the very end of your boat (tip of the outboard/dinghy davits/swimsteps/most stern part of the boat). We have learned that it is best not to rely on the "make" of your boat: for example a Catalina 34 might in reality be 38 foot overall when measured! Give yourself a little extra space to make sure your boat fits – for example, if you measure the boat at 41 ft and 10 inches, you should probably go for a 44 ft slip, and not for a 42 ft slip.

What happens when I get to the top of the waitlist?

When you are at the top of the waitlist, we give you a call to offer you a slip. From the time of our phone call, you will have 48 hours to respond to let us know that you are interested or if you'd like to decline. You may come over to the marina to see if the slip fits your requirements and wishes and accept. If you choose not to take this opportunity, or if we don't hear from you within the 48 hours, we consider that a decline and you will be moved to the bottom of the list. You have three opportunities to pass, and after the third pass, we will remove you from the waitlist. You are welcome to re-join the waitlist if you like, however, you will be starting at the bottom of the list.

Can I come tour the marina before I sign up for the waitlist or start a contract?

Absolutely! You can come by our Marina Office without appointment. We can provide you with a map so you can take a look at our facilities, and get a feel for the area. We are here on Monday-Saturday from 8 AM - 5 PM, and Sunday from 10 AM - 3 PM (we are closed for lunch from noon-1PM daily).

What do I need to start a contract with Swantown Marina?

To start a contract, we will need:

1. A copy of your driver's license
2. Current registration for your boat (Coastguard documented or State Registration), or a bill of sale/title
3. Proof of insurance with a minimum of \$300,000 liability coverage and Swantown Marina listed as additionally insured.

We will also do a boat inspection after your arrival at the marina, to make sure your boat is in a seaworthy condition – this means the boat should be ready to cruise in local waters. During this boat inspection, we will measure your boat. If your boat does not fit into the slip you are currently in, you will have to transfer to an appropriate size slip. If we do not have a bigger size slip available for you (and we will likely have not, since we have waitlists for most size slips), you will need to vacate within 30 days. We highly recommend that you are aware of the size of your boat and give yourself some extra space to fit in the slip for this exact reason!

What is the cost of moorage?

The monthly moorage cost is based on slip size. You can find the moorage rates per slip size on our website www.swantownmarina.com, or give us a call. For all slips, we charge a monthly \$13 utility fee, covering water, sewage and trash. Any electricity you use on the dock will be metered at \$0.10/kwH and added to your next month's bill.

Can I live on my boat/do you offer liveaboard status?

We offer liveaboard status in our marina for about 70 boats in total. Currently, we are up to capacity and have a waitlist. As a non-liveaboard tenant at our marina, you may stay overnight on your boat for up to 3 consecutive nights a week, with a maximum of 14 days per calendar month, and we do enforce this policy. If you'd like to join our thriving liveaboard community, you can join our liveaboard waitlist!

The wait time of the liveaboard waitlist is currently 1-3 years depending on your boat size. You can only accept liveaboard status if you already have a slip in Swantown our marina, or when you start a new moorage contract at the same time (for example; you are offered liveaboard status, and start a contract for your 32-ft vessel at the same time as starting liveaboard status. This only works for slip sizes that don't have a waitlist!). Your vessel needs to be in a seaworthy state (fit for cruising in local waters) and have a fully functioning marine toilet with holding tank, or a composting toilet on board. Before we start a liveaboard contract, we will do an additional vessel inspection, to make sure the boat is suitable for living aboard. The liveaboard fee is between \$110 and \$150/month depending on the size of your holding tank.

The process for the liveaboard waitlist is the same: the fee is a \$50 one-time non-refundable fee. Every person on the list gets to decline three times if they need to hold off on starting liveaboard status or if they don't have a slip in the marina yet (for example, you are waiting on a 42' slip, so you can't accept liveaboard status yet). After your third decline, you will be removed from the list. You may choose to get back on the list again, and the process starts over, including paying the \$50 waitlist fee.

How do I sign up for the waitlist?

Give us a call on 360.528.8049 or email us with your name and phone number (marina@portolympia.com), and we can take your payment by card over the phone. If you'd like to pay by cash or check, we are open Monday-Saturday from 8 AM - 5 PM, and Sunday from 10 AM - 3 PM (we are closed for lunch from noon-1PM daily).

We look forward to seeing you!

Kindly, The Swantown Marina Office Team