

## Can't dock in a full marina

I am not understanding why people think it's acceptable to tie their boat in a marina that is full. All four marinas have been full for years, with people who pay \$3,000 and up for their slip.

My slip at Tally's is on the end of the dock. Many times this summer when I came back in someone was in my slip. There's a pole at the end of the slip that says, "For Tally's Customers Only." With the continued low lake levels, the width between all the docks has shrunk making it harder to get out if your boat is at the end. Tally's staff is great. They take mine and store it somewhere so I can at least go home.

This summer, someone tied up to the end of the city dock on a very windy day. One of the poles came loose, and that section was listing but still attached.

Each marina has a maximum number of slips, and they legally can't add anymore. So allowing people to tie up and hang out is against the rules set forth by the White Bear Lake Conversation District. If you want to hang out for the day on the lake, there are multiple spots where people throw an anchor to swim and have fun. There are places on the St Croix where you can tie up. I'd suggest that as an option.

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