By Mark Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches

Summer is here, and there is a lot going on our waterfront. I visited Rainbow Harbor this morning, and watched a couple of the boats as they headed to Point Fermin for the 2013 Transpac. For the past eight years, Rainbow Harbor has been the Home Port for this biennial race. If any of you participated in this race, I hope you met your objective.

We are done with Phase 2 of the ABM rebuild — YEAH! Basin 1 is complete, and our customers on the final two docks were allowed to occupy their slips on July 19. Like Basin 4, we are hearing nothing but positives about this new Bellingham dock system. In addition, our City Council approved Phase 3, which is the small basin at the end of the Peninsula. Finally, we have finalized the contract with a financial consultant to analyze the marina operation, and recommend the best course of action to complete the rebuild project. Phase 3 will be complete in May 2014, and I fully anticipate that we will have set a course of action for Basins 2 and 3 by that time. In the interim, we are enhancing our maintenance efforts in Basins 2 and 3.

As we are building new docks, I believed that we did not need remind customers DO NOT make alterations when you move in. Unfortunately, I was wrong, so I am reminding you now - if there is something you need, work it through the marina office, DO NOT make an alteration yourself. In addition, we will be much more stringent with regards to adherence to our rules on the new docks, particularly as it relates to storing items on the dock or in the water by your vessel.

Over the past month, I was asked to include a couple of items in our newsletter. The first is that dogs on our marina docks and walkways must be kept on a leash. There are no exceptions. The second relates to the use of cell phones by our Marine Patrol Officers. There was a question as to whether it was legitimate that an officer would be working if he or she is sitting in a patrol car “apparently” texting on a cell phone. According to the Marine Patrol brass, this can be legitimate, as the communication systems used by the officers can be retrieved through hand-held devices.

Finally, we had an occurrence where one of our customers called the marina office after the office closed to report an oil spill. We utilize an outside service to route our after hours calls, and this service did not pick up for an unacceptable amount of time. I tested the service myself, and found the same problem, which we will address. In this instance, however, I want our customers to know that an oil or fuel spill is an emergency, and it is appropriate to call 911 in this instance. The faster we can get resources to the problem, the less damage will occur.

As always, happy and healthy boating.

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**Storage on the Docks**

Each slip in the Long Beach Marinas comes with a dock box to store your boating and maintenance supplies. The weight limit is 200 pounds and if exceeded, could cause damage to the docks. In order to keep our marina looking nice and being safe we must work together so please, be considerate when filling up your dock box and do not exceed the 200-pound limit. If you have items too large to fit in your dock box, they need to be stored on your boat. This includes reverse osmosis tanks. Using a reverse osmosis tank is not a problem however, the tank cannot be stored on the dock. If you see a “red tag” on items around your boat - that is a warning. If the items are not removed they will be impounded by Marine Bureau staff.
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### Upcoming Activities

#### Municipal Band Summer Concerts
- July 4-August 1, 2013
- For Information: [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org)

#### Kids Fishing Rodeo
- August 2
- Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier
- For more information: [www.lbseafest.com](http://www.lbseafest.com)

#### Long Beach Sprint Nationals
- August 3-4, 2013
- For Information call: (310) 318-4012
- [www.scsracing.com](http://www.scsracing.com)

#### Long Beach Jazz Festival
- August 9-11, 2013
- For Information: [www.longbeachjazzfestival.com](http://www.longbeachjazzfestival.com)

#### Tiki Beach Festival
- August 24 & 25
- Granada Beach
- For more information: [www.lbseafest.com](http://www.lbseafest.com)

#### 100 Days of Summer
- Summer Activities in Long Beach
- For more information visit: [www.100daysofsummer.org](http://www.100daysofsummer.org)

### August 2013

#### Phenomenal Numbers To Keep On Hand

**Long Beach Police**
- Marine Patrol Emergency
  - 911
  - or 9911 (Dock Phone)

**Non Emergency**
- 562.435.6711

**Maintenance during working hours**
- 562.570.1582

**Alamitos Bay Office**
- 562.570.3215

**Shoreline Office**
- 562.570.4950

**Rainbow Harbor**
- 562.570.8636

**After office hours**
- 562.570.3101
GET READY FOR SPRING CLEANING!

The products you purchase to clean and maintain your boat can have an adverse effect on aquatic life, water quality, and human health. When you purchase boat-cleaning products, take time to read the label. A signal word, such as “danger/poison”, “warning”, or “caution” can give you a general indication of the toxicity of a product. If you want more information on a product’s contents, ask your retailer or contact the manufacturer for the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). The MSDS will list any constituents considered to be hazardous substances by the federal government. Avoid products with ingredients known to cause cancer or reproductive harm as listed in California’s Proposition 65: See a complete, updated Proposition 65 list at http://oehha.ca.gov/prop65/prop65_list/Newlist.htm. In addition, you can minimize environmental impacts by using some of the following alternatives to toxic products:

**Cleaner: Degreaser**
**Use:** Water, citrus or soy based degreasers, lemon juice and borax, or mild biodegradable phosphate free soap
**Avoid the following ingredients:** Chlorinated solvents, Benzene, Sodium hydroxide, Phosphates, butoxyethanol

**Cleaner: Detergent/Soap**
**Use:** Fresh water and a lot of elbow grease and biodegradable, phosphate-free, vegetable or citrus-based soap
**Avoid the following ingredients:** Phosphates, Phosphoric acid, sodium hypochlorite (bleach), Quaternary ammonia, Lye

**Cleaner: Holding Tank**
**Use:** Bio-active and enzyme treatment, nitrates, fragrance holding tank treatment
**Avoid the following ingredients:** Formaldehyde, Ammonium chloride, Isopropyl alcohol, 2-propanol

**Remover: Mildew**
**Use:** Scrub with paste of equal parts lemon juice (or vinegar) and salt (use full strength vinegar), then rinse, scrub mildew with borax and water using a nylon scouring pad.
**Avoid the following ingredients:** Phosphate, Sodium hypochlorite

Our marine rules and regulations state: (H) Vessel Maintenance: Major repair or reconstruction work shall not be performed in or at any marina slip or in Alamitos Bay or other water areas within the limits of the City of Long Beach. Except for emergency repairs to keep a vessel afloat, no repair or other work on a vessel shall be performed before 8AM. nor after sunset. Permits shall not place or permit others performing repairs or other work on a vessel to place tools or equipment in a manner so as to obstruct access to fingers or docks. Permits may use portions of the docks or fingers for minor rigging and maintenance for short periods of time; provided, however, such space must be kept in a neat, clean, and orderly condition and a drop cloth and boat bath are used during maintenance periods. No material of any type resulting from maintenance work shall be allowed to become airborne, or enter the waters of the Long Beach marinas. (This includes but is not limited to sanding of paint and fiberglass and spray painting.) Please be respectful of your neighbors when working on your boat.

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**CLASSES**

**Radar Seminar Offered At Shoreline Yacht Club**

The U.S. Power Squadron and Shoreline Yacht Club are working together to present a Radar Seminar. The class will be held at the Shoreline Yacht Club, 386 Shoreline Drive South, LB, 90802, on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, beginning at 7 PM. The cost is $10 per person. (Radar book is optional at the door- walk-in's welcome) The focus of this seminar is to teach how the radar does it’s job, interpreting what you see, how to use the controls, collision avoidance, navigating using radar, and much more. If you would like to make a reservation or have questions, please contact Captain Dick Daybell at (714) 801-7319 or via email at captaindaybell@gmail.com or www.alamitospowersquadron.org.
Pam Cunningham, Acting Harbormaster of the Alamitos Bay Marina, is no stranger to the waterfront. She began her career with the City of Long Beach in 1985 in the Public Service Department and in 1987 she transferred to the Marine Bureau. She realized that looking out her window at beautiful boats, playful dolphins, sea lion visitors, and an amazing waterfront was a much better option than sitting in a cubical with a less than appealing view.

With over 25 years at the marina she has had the opportunity to wear many hats. She started as a clerk typist, soon became Permit Agent and is now the Acting Harbormaster. If you have any questions about your boat slip, transferring to a different slip, obtaining a dinghy rack, or what it takes to become a liveaboard, Pam is your go to gal. She can be reached by calling the Alamitos Bay Marina Office at (562) 570-3215 or via email at Pam.Cunningham@longbeach.gov.

We are a family at the marina and with longevity like Pam’s she more often than not can greet our boaters on a first name basis. When Pam is not at work she enjoys traveling and golfing. Palm Springs, Laughlin, and her annual houseboat trip always guarantee a great time.
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Indicators of Suspicious Activity in the Maritime Domain

1. Vessels operating outside normal areas, such as fishing boats outside normal fishing grounds.
2. Unusual departure or arrival times at berths.
3. Attempts to enter or loiter near restricted area or sites.
4. Recreational vessels operating outside normal boating times or locations, or during inclement weather.
5. Vessels underway at night with navigation lights off.
6. Vessels, which appear to be overloaded, or have tarp covering parts of the boat or cargo.
7. Unusual activity regularly occurring after normal boating hours at private or public marinas.
8. Excessive or unusual equipment on deck, such as fishing gear, transponders or lifesaving equipment.
9. Vessel with oversized motors or unusual modifications.
10. Vessels carrying excess crew.
11. Lack of familiarity with a vessel’s standard operations, or failure to obey navigation rules.
12. Note taking or sketching, or use of cameras, video recorders, or binoculars near infrastructure, military bases, bridges, and other potential targets.
13. Large cash payments for fuel, slip rental or other services.
15. Attempts to alter charter routes for destinations.
16. Questions regarding schedules, passenger capacities, onboard safety procedures and equipment, and proximity to critical infrastructure.
17. Vessels with diving equipment inquiring about bridges, airports, waterside tourist attractions.