By George Chapjian
Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine Department

By the time this reaches your mailbox, demolition of Basin 5 should be underway.

Vessels have been relocated and the target completion date is April 1, 2014. As discussed at the October 2013 Marine Advisory Commission meeting, the department is working with Financial Management and an independent financial consultant to explore options for the completion of the Alamitos Bay Marina Rebuild. (Basins 2, 3, 6, & 7). Additional information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

I’d like to take this opportunity to reassure everyone that our priorities are customer service and safety.

The City is in the process of conducting a national search for a Marine Bureau Manager. This process will take several months. In the meantime, I have appointed Elvira Hallinan as the Interim Marine Bureau Manager.

Elvira has been with the City for fifteen years, has been in the position of Marine Bureau Special Projects Officer for the past three years, and has previous management, customer service and financial experience.

In addition, I will be taking a more active role in the rebuild and policy direction of the Bureau.

I’d like to take this opportunity to reassure everyone that our priorities are customer service and safety. While the management players have changed, the mission remains the same, to enhance the waterfront and on-water recreation in the City.

Construction Update

Basin 1 is complete and the workers are heading to Basin 5 to begin the next phase. Construction is scheduled to begin on November 1, 2013. For additional questions, you can contact the Alamitos Bay Marina Office at (562) 570-3215.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Marina Reader remains a useful tool and resource for Long Beach boaters and has taken on a new look and flow. We want to know what you think of the New Marina reader and what is most important to you.

Please email kimaris.vestre@longbeach.gov by November 11 with anything you would like to see in upcoming issues of the Marina Reader.

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- Marine Patrol Emergency 911 or 9911 (Dock Phone)
- Non Emergency 562.435.6711

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**Alamitos Bay Office**
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Contact: Kimarie Vestre
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- kmarie.vestre@longbeach.gov

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### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Daylight Savings**
- Sunday, November 3
- Turn your clocks back one hour

**Veterans Day Parade**
- Saturday, November 9
- For Information: 562.422.6669

**Turkey Trot**
- Thursday, November 28
- For Information: 562.493.3316

**Second Street Parade**
- Saturday, December 7, 2013
- Begins at 6 p.m.
- For information: www.belmontshore.org

**Parade of 1,000 Lights**
- Saturday, December 14, 2013
- Begins at 5:30 p.m.
- For information: www.shorelinayachtclub.com

**Naples Island Annual Holiday Boat Parade**
- Saturday, December 21, 2013
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You may not have heard of them, but the Panthers at Sea are on a mission. The annual event will be held in the Spring of 2014. This may seem very far right now, but for many students, it will be their first time seeing the sea and being on a boat, with an opportunity to learn to sail.

The Panthers at Sea began in 1998 with 45 students at Jordan High School by science teacher David Braunstein. He wanted to share his passion for sailing with his students and the program has since expanded to 80 students in 2012.

Along with a representative from the Long Beach School District, small groups of students are assigned to a private sailing yacht after safety training and requirements are met.

Volunteer skippers share their home waters with the students along with their experience and wisdom on sailing.

The program has been credited by the faculty of Jordan in “setting a new course” for many students. Students not only are exposed to the lifestyle and skills of training, but are introduced to numerous educational outlets through sailing and first hand applications.

Co-chair of the Panthers at Sea, James Townes, said that being in the water broadens students to the sea and gets them interested in science, technologies, engineering and math. Townes also intends on reaching the ultimate goal of expanding the Panthers at Sea to Students at Sea, encompassing any high school students in Long Beach who wish to set sail on a path in the water.

The adopt-a-student program is available for 20 dollars. Sponsoring a student will cover their lunch and a tee shirt on the day of the event.

To adopt a student and for more information on the Panthers at Sea and the Jordan High School Summer Sailing Camp email or call James Townes at j.townes@verizon.net or 562.951.5810.
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