FROM THE DIRECTOR

George Chapjian
Director of Parks,
Recreation and Marine

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Elvira Hallinan as Manager of Marine Bureau for the City of Long Beach.

Ms. Hallinan was selected after the completion of a nationwide executive search. She has extensive experience working with marina operations including Marine Maintenance, Marine Safety/Lifeguards and Marine Patrol, as well as retail tenants, live-a-boards and the citizen Marine Advisory Commission. Ms. Hallinan has been instrumental in the $109 million rebuild of the Alamitos Bay Marina, which opened in the 1950s with 1,900 boat slips.

Ms. Hallinan has served as Acting Manager of the Marine Bureau since September 2013. She began her career with the City of Long Beach as a Management Assistant in 1989 and in addition to Parks, Recreation and Marine Department, she has worked in Administrative Analyst and Administrative Officer capacities for the Departments of Financial Management and Library Services. She was promoted to Special Projects Officer in the Marine Bureau in June 2010 before taking over as Acting Manager. Elvira brings years of experience to the position of Manager of Marine Bureau and she has demonstrated the ability to manage a wide range of responsibilities and develop a team of employees who are responsive to our boating community and their unique needs.

Ms. Hallinan holds a bachelor’s degree in Sociology and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Texas in El Paso. Please join me in welcoming Elvira as our new Marine Bureau Manager!

SLIP FEE Increase

Each year in September City Council approves our budget for the following fiscal year. This year on September 2, 2014, the Council approved the annual slip fee increase, 2.5% for cement docks and 1.5% for wood docks. The fee increase is reflected on the enclosed bill for October 1. The bill this month will be slightly higher because we need to bring your deposit up to match one month’s slip fee.

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**Upcoming Activities**

- **Marine Swap Meet**
  - Saturday October 4
  - 7am-1pm
  - Hosted by Dan Hernandez
  - 251 N. Marina Drive
  - For more info: sport-fishing.com

- **Long Beach Marathon**
  - October 12
  - For more info: runlongbeach.com

- **Haute Dog Howl’oween Parade**
  - Start/Finish Marina Vista Park
  - October 26, 2:30 pm
  - For more info: hautedogs.org/howloween.html

- **Dark Harbor**
  - Queen Mary
  - October 2 - November 2
  - For more info: queenmary.com/events/dark-harbor

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OFFSHORE CRUISING CLUB
Accepting New Members

Little Geiger Cove, Catalina Island
September 2, 2014

The Offshore Cruising Club (OCC) of Southern California, the Yacht Club of Little Geiger Cove, is seeking to expand its membership. Founded in the early 1950’s by like-minded boaters, to promote cruising and rendezvousing of both sail & power boats the OCC is a small club with boat owner membership capped at 25 members.

In 1958, the club acquired the land lease at Little Geiger Cove (Latitude 33° 27’ 25.98” Longitude 118° 30’ 56.19”). This emerald green cove on the leeward side of Catalina Island is located a short dingy ride, 2± miles, west of Two Harbors at the Isthmus is considered to be one of the most exquisite coves on the island. Over the years improvements have been made to make rendezvous and gatherings a more enjoyable experience. The rustic facilities today are comprised of a teahouse and deck with a communal bar-b-que on the hill overlooking the beautiful cove. Fresh water is available as well.

Interested parties may contact the Offshore Cruising Club by calling the Dana J. Markle, Commodore by telephone at (562) 818-5762 or by email at delkram@gmail.com for additional information.

Please visit our website as well - www.offshorecruisingclub.com

NMMA BOAT SHOW Cancelled

The National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) has cancelled the annual Strictly Sail Long Beach Boat Show event that had been scheduled for October 23-26. This cancellation was due to the over abundance of boat shows in Southern California; officials are hoping to get boat enthusiasts to frequent bigger boat shows so they can see more boats and in greater quantity. Last year, the Long Beach show brought about 5,000 to 7,000 attendees to the city’s Shoreline Village and Rainbow Harbor, where about 40 to 70 boats lined the docks and hundreds of land side exhibitors filled the walkway along East Shoreline Drive.

The show began about 40 years ago as a sailboat-centric even, but organizers started bringing in powerboats in 2007. When the NMMA took over the show in 2012, sailboat exclusivity was re-invigorated hoping to make the event more popular again. This proved difficult as the majority of sailboat manufacturing is now done on the east coast; getting a variety of sailboat exhibitors proved difficult. Even local boat manufacturers were hesitant to return to this event as the expense of the setup was not proving rewarding and fruitful.

With the Long Beach Show’s cancellation, NMMA is planning to enhance the sailboat presence at the Los Angeles Boat Show which will take place February 19-22. They will also focus on similar events in San Diego and San Francisco.

This shift in focus to California’s larger boat shows will hopefully improve the sailing industry’s involvement in such shows and continue to help grow boating on the West Coast.
The Alamitos Bay Marina rebuild is actively moving forward. The construction crews are currently working in the parking lots setting the underground electrical. I know this is a bit of an inconvenience, especially in the areas where we share the parking lot with other businesses, but I hope you recognize the effort being made to free up as much boat owner parking as possible on the weekends.

By mid-October all the boats from gangways 11 – 14 should be settled into their temporary slips and the dredging rigs will be making their way in to begin the dredging process. After dredging the new docks will be brought over and the finishing touches will be put in place. Everyone will then be notified of their new location. (Your new slip location has not been assigned as of yet).

How long is the process? We do not have an exact ending date however, we are hoping everyone is back in their slip and walking on concrete by Summer 2015.

Reminder...

BOAT REGISTRATION Requirements

We have noticed quite a few boats do not have their registration information displayed correctly.

Please make sure all your registration decals are displayed on your boats as required.

Thank you!
LONG BEACH MARATHON
Sunday October 12, 2014

On Sunday, October 12th, an estimated 27,000 runners, bikers, and walkers will be touring our city in the 29th annual Long Beach Marathon. This is a large event with great impact to our residents and visitors, so please plan ahead – especially boaters in the Long Beach Shoreline Marina. For additional Marathon information you can visit www.runlongbeach.com.

- On Saturday, October 11th, from 7AM until 6PM on Sunday, October 12th Shoreline Drive, from Ocean to Linden, will be closed and the ONLY access into and out of the LBSM will be from Pine Avenue to Shoreline Drive to Shoreline Village Drive.

- On Saturday, October 11th, from 9AM until 12 noon there will be a Kids Fun Run near the Aquarium of the Pacific.

- On Sunday, October 12th, from 12:01AM until 12 noon vehicle ingress and egress to the LBSM will be prohibited. If you need to use your vehicle to leave the marina between these hours, you will need to park in the Convention Center Lot. (Using the service road entry near the back loading dock). Make sure your LBSM parking pass is visible. You will be permitted to cross the course on foot at any time during the event.

If you have any questions, comment, or concerns please contact Kimarie Vestre at (562) 570-3236 or via email at Kimarie.Vestre@longbeach.gov

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HALLOWEEN On Your Boat

Halloween is a great holiday for boaters. The weather is cool and crisp, the nights are still clear and boaters are excited to have one last get-together with their friends on the water. If you plan on entertaining on your boat for the Halloween holiday, then you must decorate appropriately!

Some Halloween party decoration ideas include:

- **MUSIC:**
  Good music makes the celebration even better. Mix in a few fun Halloween-based songs into your playlist to keep the gathering in the Halloween spirit!

- **COBWEBS:**
  You can easily make your boat look creepy with fake spider webs. Cover your doorways, windows and more to get a spooky outdoor feel. Adding fake spiders would be a good touch, too. (Environmental Tip: Be sure you take this down before you leave for the day. We don’t want clumps of fake cobwebs floating in our oceans)

- **LIGHTS:**
  Decorate your boat with orange lights. These are perfect for stringing on the inside and outside of your boat. You can even get black lights and glow-in-the-dark items to create an extra eerie feel.

- **FOG & STROBE LIGHTS:**
  These two are always fun for spooky Halloween environments by giving the feel of a haunted house!

- **HALLOWEEN INFLATABLES & DECOR:**
  You can buy skeletons, mummies, ghosts, witches to help decorate the inside and outside of your boat.

Include these easy decorating ideas to your Halloween boat party and it is sure to be one your friends and family won’t forget!