Let me start by wishing all our moms Happy Mother’s Day from the Marine Bureau Staff.

It is time for a few updates. By the time you read this, the search for a permanent Marine Bureau Manager will be underway. If all goes well, we should have a permanent leader by July 2014.

The Marina Rules and Regulations Committee have completed its review. Thank you to everyone who participated and special thanks to Roger Gripe who diligently provided the minutes to each of the meetings. During the months of May and June staff will evaluate the recommendations with the intent to present changes to the Marine Advisory Committee in July.

The Alamitos Bay fuel dock upgrades are scheduled for fall 2014. The application for the coastal permit is currently under review by coastal commission staff. Public Works staff is in the process of providing the additional information requested. The item should be on the Coastal Agenda on June.

Questions regarding slip revenue and marina expenditures have arisen. Briefly, marina revenue supports Marine Bureau and Marine Maintenance staff at Alamitos Bay and Shoreline Marinas, Marine Patrol, Marine Safety, Debt Service and Asset Management staff who are responsible for negotiating and monitoring the restaurant and building leases on marina property.

Contrary to any rumors you may have heard, slip revenue remains within the marinas. In the last three years, revenue in excess of expenditures has paid for capital projects such as the Shoreline Fuel Dock, the Alamitos Bay Fuel Dock, the Eel grass Mitigation Site, portions of Basin 1 rebuild and the rebuild of Basin 5.

Finally, I’d like to thank the Boat Owner’s Association for graciously inviting me to speak at their April meeting. I appreciated the open and honest dialog.
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or 9911 (Dock Phone)

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562.435.6711

Shoreline Office
562.570.4950

Alamitos Bay Office
562.570.3215

Rainbow Harbor Office
562.570.8636

Maintenance during working hours
562.570.1582

After office hours
562.570.3101

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Panthers at Sea
Saturday, May 10
8AM-4PM
Long Beach Harbor

Mother’s Day
Sunday, May 11

Long Beach Gay Pride Festival
May 17 & 18
11AM - 11PM
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Memorial Day
Monday, May 26

Shoreline Yacht Club
Marina Swap Meet
Saturday, June 7
7:30AM-2PM
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THE PANTHERS WILL BE AT SEA

The Panthers at Sea need skippers to volunteer to help take over 80 students from Jordan High School out on a day to sail.

The event is on Saturday, May 10 in the Long Beach Harbor from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 12th annual event is sponsored by the Panthers at Sea Committee.

Each vessel will take up to five students who will have learned important safety measures and basic off the water sailing skills necessary for the trip.

The opportunity can be very beneficial to students. Many of them may have never seen the ocean before, and will be embarking on an adventure of a lifetime.

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.

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.

If you would like to volunteer your boat and time for this event please send:
1. Your name
2. Contact phone number
3. Name of vessel
4. Length of boat and beam
Email this information to Laurie Little at Laurie.Little@longbeach.gov to volunteer your boat and to find out more information about how you can help to get students on the water. People can also call Laurie Little at 562.570.4954 at the Long Beach Marine Bureau.

YACHT CLUB CRUISES

Horizon Yacht Club, Southern California’s largest LGBT boating organization, announces a busy schedule of summer cruising events.

The fleet heads to Avalon, May 2-4 for Kentucky Derby Weekend. The fleet will be back in Alamitos Bay May 16-18, where the club will celebrate Long Beach Pride.

Right now they are busy working on their float for the Long Beach Pride Parade. Then it’s off to San Diego May 23-26 for their Memorial Day Weekend Cruise.

In June, HYC boats pickup moorings in Cherry Cove for the Annual Two Harbors Wine Festival June 6-8. For early arrivals, there is a “Pre-Tasting Tasting and Hors d’Oeuvres” on Friday evening.

The Star Spangled HYC Fourth of July Celebration gets underway on July 5, as everyone heads out to Is-land White for a weekend on anchor to enjoy the fireworks and BBQ’s aboard.

On Saturday, the club will have its annual “Log Race” for power boaters in the morning and “The Summer Solstice Sailboat Race” in the afternoon.

This year’s HYC 10 Day Cruise, August 18-28, heads south to explore coastal harbors between San Diego and Newport. It concludes in Newport Harbor with a Labor Day raft up.

Horizon Yacht club was founded aboard the Queen Mary on February 6, 1978 and has been an active part of the Southern California boating scene for over 35 years. Find more information about the club and events is on the website at www.horizonyc.org or follow them on facebook at facebook.com/HorizonYachtClub.

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Begins Tuesday, April 22
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Course is Free
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Coastal navigation will be taught by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

“Most people depend blindly on GPS,” says USCG Aux. instructor Doug Conwell, who’s scheduled to teach the course. “And if you haven’t kept your position on a paper chart, you’re lost (if the GPS stops working),” he says.

The course is free but the book and training chart cost $45. Also students must have parallel rules and dividers, which can be bought at a retail store or from the USCG for $12 each.

USCG Aux. 11SR, Flotilla 5-12, Long Beach is putting on the class.