By Elvira Hallinan
Manager of Marinas & Beaches

It has been a busy month of logistical planning, strategizing and regrouping. By the time you read this letter, City Council has authorized a contract with Bellingham Marine Industries to complete the reconstruction of Basin 2. Everyone on gangways 15 thru 25 and those south of the “red line” on gangways 26 thru 29 should have received a reassignment letter. We’d like to thank everyone for your patience and cooperation; it really is going to happen!

The logistics of this phase are enormous. This is the largest relocation of vessels to date with 293 customers moving into temporary homes. In order to dredge as much of Basin 2 and Basin 3 as possible within the permit expiration date of October 31, 2015, it is to the marina’s overall benefit to relocate as many vessels as possible. On those frustrating days during this process, we ask you to please remember that many marina reconstruction projects throughout the US require slipholders to relocate to different harbors. The City is committed to finding alternative berthing within our marina system throughout this process to the extent possible.

The completion date for the current construction is June 1, 2015. Demolition will begin on or before June 1st. Dredging is preliminarily scheduled for completion in September, more details to come next month.

Regarding the funding for Basins 3, 6 and 7, the City’s effort in pursuing the issuance of a revenue bond appears to be very promising. I have been involved in numerous conversations with financial advisors, investment groups and bond rating agencies. A presentation to City Council regarding the details and results will be scheduled within the next few weeks.

Wishing everyone a wonderful spring as we enter into this next phase of our reconstruction adventure.

DO YOU HAVE TERMITES?

Like homes, boats can get infested with termites. Fortunately, there are many environmentally friendly methods to rid these unwanted guests.

If you choose to get your boat tented we ask that you notify the Marina office and provide a copy of the company insurance policy and a copy of the service contract. The tent must go to the water line and as a courtesy, please notify your neighbors.

If you need assistance with this process, please stop by or call the marina office where your boat is docked.

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Welcome NEW MAC OFFICERS

Robert Garcia took office last year as Long Beach’s youngest mayor, and he immediately pushed forward quite a few political appointments to fill openings in several commissions.

One of his appointees was Peter Schnack, an information technology director at Molina Healthcare and avid boater selected to his first term on the city’s Marine Advisory Commission (MAC). The commission meets monthly and advises Long Beach’s council members and staff about policy matters pertaining to the city’s marinas and waterways. A lifelong boater, Schnack knows he has a lot of work ahead of him as one of nine commissioners who help shape policies that govern Long Beach’s marinas.

Another recent appointee to MAC was Gerald “Jerry” Avila. A lifetime Long Beach-er and proud and active ILWU Local 13 member, he has worked for the Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach. Jerry loves boating and he acquired his first boat in 2001 and recently was able to get a second boat which is docked at Long Beach Shoreline Marina. He is very familiar with amenities and offerings of Long Beach’s marinas and spends much of his time enjoying all that the city’s parks and marinas have to offer.

We welcome Pete and Jerry to MAC and look forward to a harmonious future together!

Parking Lots vs Storage Lots

The marina parking lots are for our boat owners to park their passenger vehicles while they are visiting their boats. As a reminder, our Rules and Regulations strictly prohibit the storage of vehicles in the lots and does not allow for RV’s and oversized vehicles. In the bests interested of our boaters, our Marine Patrol officers will be enforcing these rules. The Marina Rules and Regulation section M reads:

M. Parking Lots:

1. No person shall discharge waste material from, store or sleep or cook in a house trailer, boat trailer, camper, or other vehicle while such vehicle is in a parking space within the parking lots or facilities adjacent to the Long Beach marinas.

2. No vehicle or apparatus capable of being registered as a vehicle or trailer shall block the parking lanes in the Long Beach marinas.

3. No vehicle in excess of twenty (20) feet in overall length may occupy any parking space within the parking lots adjacent to the Downtown Shoreline Marina or in the parking lot adjacent to Basin 4 in the Alamitos Bay Marina without the permission of the Manager or his designee. No vehicle in excess of twenty-four (24) feet in overall length may occupy any parking space within the parking lots adjacent to Alamitos Bay Marina, with the exception of Basin 4 described herein.

4. No person shall remain, stay, or loiter in any marina parking lot between the hours of sunset and 5 a.m.

5. To facilitate the sweeping and cleaning of the marina parking lots, certain sections may be posted with restricted parking times. Failure to observe the posted restrictions will result in the issuance of parking citations.

6. Permittees may not construct or reconstruct or cause to be constructed or reconstructed, repair or cause to be repaired, to grease or cause to be greased any vehicle or vessel or any part thereof within the parking lots of the marinas. However, temporary minor repairs in case of emergency may be made within the parking lots to enable the vehicle to be moved to a proper place for mechanical work.

7. The parking of Recreational Vehicles (R.V.s) and vehicles of extended length will be limited to designated areas within the Alamitos Bay Marina. Vehicles will be required to obtain a parking permit from the Manager. All recreational vehicles in the designated area must be moved the first and third Thursday of each month for street sweeping.

8. The washing of any vehicle, vessel, trailer or apparatus capable of being registered as a vehicle or trailer is prohibited in the parking lots of the Long Beach marinas. This includes commercial vehicle detailing.

9. Waste Underground Oil Tanks- No person shall place any substance in underground waste oil tanks other than waste motor oil.

10. Trailers and inoperable vehicles are not allowed in the marina parking lots. Failure to remove a trailer or inoperable vehicle will result in the impound of the trailer or inoperable vehicle at a cost to the owner.
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Are you a new boater wanting to make friends with others like you? Maybe you are an experienced boater seeking new friends and a great place to stay on crowded weekends at Catalina?

Either way, you will want to check out Blue Water Cruising Club, a family oriented sailing club with a summer home (since 1954!) at Big Geiger Cove, just west of Catalina’s famed Isthmus (Two Harbors).

Blue Water Cruising Club (bluewatercruisingclub.org) currently has openings for individuals and families who are sailors and love to cruise Catalina and the Channel Islands.

Big Geiger Cove, Blue Water’s fabulous summer home, has room for approximately 40 anchored boats. Considered one of the prettiest locations on the island, the cove has a nice beach, a large “Hut” for afternoon sightseeing, benches on the sides of the cove and freshwater.

During the summer season, the cove is filled with boats and families enjoying the beautiful emerald green waters and the gently sloping beach.

While there are activities going on every afternoon during the summer season at the Cove, weekends bring out the parties. Some are informal, small groups hopping from boat to boat, others are large and aptly show the spirit of comradery and friendship for which the Club is famous.

In addition to the general weekend activities, four weekends during the summer turn the Cove into a very special place. Memorial Day is the Opening Day for BWCC, and is a two day celebration dedicated to the coming summer season. Fourth of July celebrates the USA, with most members involved in games on the beach followed by the famous Hot Dog Bash and later in the evening, rowing out to watch the fireworks from the Isthmus.

Late summer brings out the Pirate in every member, with the Annual BWCC Treasure Hunt. Held annually since the early 1950’s, members are given clues and search out the buried treasure left long ago at Big Geiger. Labor Day brings out the biggest event of the year, the annual Club Luau. With a pit in the ground, a Hawaiian feast is prepared and members and guests get to act like Pacific Islanders for the weekend.

Winter does not stop the activities for the club. Monthly dinners are held on the mainland and members still sail to the Cove for the quiet season.

If this sounds like fun to you, consider contacting the Club for an orientation and membership application. Blue Water is a great family oriented Club with something for almost every sailor.

Membership in Blue Water Cruising Club is open to owners and their families of cruising sailboats. Information about the Club and links to our YouTube and Facebook pages can be found at Bluewatercruisingclub.org. Memberships are available, for membership information, contact Vice Commodore Beth Lennes at membership@bluewatercruisingclub.org or (310) 849-3207

article submitted by Blue Water Cruising Club

Lesbian & Gay PRIDE WEEKEND

The 32nd Annual Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration will be returning to Long Beach on May 16th & 17th. The event hours are from 11AM to 11PM both days. The Marina Green, Rainbow Lagoon and Shoreline Drive will be used for vendor booths, entertainment, and great food. The parade will take place on Sunday beginning at 10:30AM. The parade travels on Ocean Boulevard from Temple Avenue to Alamitos Avenue. If you would like additional festival information call (562) 987-9191 or visit www.longbeachpride.com.

Driving Directions

Beginning Monday, May 11 at 12:01 AM through 7PM Thursday, May 14, Linden Avenue will be available to access Gangways Q-GG ONLY. The access road will not be available to through traffic. If you need to access Gangways A to P you will need to enter the marina from Shoreline Village Drive.

Beginning 7PM Thursday, May 14th, Shoreline Drive will be closed at Linden Avenue. The ONLY entrance to the Long Beach Shoreline Marina will be from Pine Avenue, eastbound Shoreline Drive to Shoreline Village Drive.

Unlike Grand Prix, you do not drive across the sand during this event. All access into an out of the marina will be via Shoreline Village Drive.
SPRING Boat Checks

Whether you are putting your boat in the boatyard to repaint the bottom this Spring or launching it after a winter of dry moorage, a complete hull inspection can ensure a worry-free boating season. In the Spring, we are all in a rush to get the boat in the water, and it’s tempting to just launch the boat or paint the bottom and get back to cruising again. But to do so without a thorough hull inspection can mean potential trouble.

First check for obvious problems, such as through-hull fittings that have suffered damage. Pay close attention to the integrity of seals around the fittings. Cracks or separations in the sealing compound can be an indication of movement or shrinkage and should be fixed before launching the boat. Also, check the exposed surfaces of through-hull transducers to ensure they are free of deposits. Check the zinc anodes, and replace them if they are more than halfway worn. The anodes are your boat’s first line of defense against galvanic corrosion.

Look for cracks or gouges that have penetrated the gelcoat and exposed the laminate underneath. Once the gelcoat has been breached, the chance of moisture intrusion and subsequent damage is greatly increased. Cracks in boats can be caused by a variety of internal and external problems. The depth of a crack can only be determined by sanding the gelcoat away. Cracks that are only as deep as the gelcoat are usually not serious and can be sealed with a reapplication of gelcoat or an epoxy sealer. If the gelcoat layer is removed and the crack is still apparent, it may be a sign of more significant damage.

Blisters are another common symptom of moisture intrusion, indicating internal damage in the form of delamination. Unfortunately, only the most obvious blisters will be evident in the Spring after a long period of dry storage. A better time to check for them is just after the boat has been hauled out and the bottom cleared of marine growth and debris. Blisters are a long and involved process. Like most critical repairs, you should not attempt them without the benefit of a professional.

Running gear should also be looked over and maintained before launching. Shafts, struts and rudders should be inspected before launching. They need to be straight and secure. Cutlass bearings should be checked for lack of play. Trim tabs need to be tested before launching so that necessary repairs can be made with the boat on the hard.

Check the prop(s) for bent or dinged edges. If you experienced any vibration last season, you may have a prop out of balance.

Once your spring hull inspection and repairs are complete, you’re ready to get out on the water!