I’d like to start this month’s newsletter with these words by Lee Greenwood, “I am proud to be an American. Where at least I know I’m free. And I won’t forget the men who died. Who gave that right to me.” Please take a moment to cherish our country’s independence, the sacrifices made by our neighbors, and as always be safe on the water when celebrating our freedoms this Fourth of July.

On June 26, 2016 you may have been part of the “Play in the Bay” celebration. The City launched its Livability Initiative which is designed to encourage residents and visitors to recreate in our waters and promote our natural assets. Long Beach, as boaters know, has some of the best weather in the country and the water quality has significantly improved. Long Beach received 100% A-grades for water quality in the 2015 Heal the Bay Annual Report Card.

One of the Livability features is the Bayshore Buoy Swim Line, a 500-yard open swimming course, with 100-yard markers from beginning to end.

Water quality signage is a second feature, these signs will be located in Colorado Lagoon, Bayshore, and Mother’s Beach. Signage will be color coded (green, yellow, and red) to indicate the water quality for that day.

You may have noticed the swim ladders throughout Alamitos Bay. These were placed in locations that allow a swimmer to take a respite during their training/exercise routine. All in all good things for our waterways.

Until next time,
Elvira Hallinan
Manager, Marine Bureau
City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine

Swim ladder locations, Alamitos Bay

Bayshore Buoy 100 yard Swim Line markers
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July 2016

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Upcoming EVENTS

LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL BAND SUMMER CONCERTS
Thursday Evenings June 30 - August 4
Concerts begin at 6:30PM.
Waterways will reduce to 5mph at 6PM so vessels of any size can enter the stadium and enjoy the music

YACHT CLUBS OF LONG BEACH CHARITY REGATTA SWAP MEET
Saturday July 9 · 7AM - 1PM

BOAT AUCTION
Saturday July 16 · Alamitos Bay Marina
Inspection begins at 8AM · Bidding begins at 9AM

CATALINA SKI RACE
July 16, 2016
For Information: catalinaskirace.net

DRAGON BOAT TOURNAMENT
July 30 - 31 · Long Beach Marine Stadium
For Information: lbdragonboat.com

SPRINT NATIONALS
August 6 - 7 · Long Beach Marine Stadium
For Information: www.sccscracing.com

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kimarie.vestre@longbeach.gov
The Catalina Ski Race Will Enjoy Its 68th Run On July 16th!

Powerboaters and waterskiers from around the world will compete in the 68th annual Catalina Ski Race, July 16, hosted by Long Beach Boat and Ski Club.

The annual event, which features fast powerboats and racing waterskiers from Long Beach to Avalon and back, will start at 8:53AM between Island White and Island Grissom in Long Beach Harbor. There will be a split start, with 21-foot and smaller boats starting first, and larger boats up to 43 feet starting at 9AM.

Boats will tow skiers to Avalon’s Descanso Beach before heading back to the finish line in Long Beach, off the Queen Mary’s bow. The 62-mile challenge includes 19 different classes for participants – ranging from novice to expert and masters (age 60 or older) to junior (age 15 or younger).

JULY 8: Pre-event activities will begin at 9AM on July 8, with the 22nd annual Special Needs Children’s Day at Marine Stadium in Long Beach. The day will include plenty of water-related activities, prizes and food for participating children. PWC rides, kayak rides, boat rides, face painting and balloons are only some of the fun events planned.

Volunteers are needed and welcome. If you are interested in being a volunteer please contact either Skip Larson at (805) 377-4653 or Krista Karr at (562) 697-6730.

JULY 15: Catalina Ski race sign-ins and water skier gear safety inspections are schedule from 10AM to 3PM at the Hotel Maya Solstice Room. Race boat inspections will take place from noon – 3 PM at the launch ramp area near Hotel Maya. All boats must be on a trailer. A driver, observer and navigator meeting is set for 4:30PM at the Hotel Maya Salon de Reyes.

JULY 16: Race day festivities will open with a ski team parade at 7AM The race, pending weather approval, will begin at 8:53AM for vessels 21’ and smaller and 9AM for vessels up to 43’.

This is a fun event, unique to Long Beach, and definitely worth watching. If you choose to watch from the water, please be aware of the safety zone and obey all race committee and law enforcement rules. Shoreline Park is also a great viewing location if you prefer to stay on land. If you would like additional information please visit: www.catalinaskirace.net

The World’s Greatest SKI RACE

Commercial VS RECREATION

The Long Beach Marina, includes Alamitos Bay Marina, Long Beach Shoreline Marina (Downtown Marina), and Rainbow Harbor/Rainbow Marina and truly has one of the greatest locations in California, if not the United States, for boat slip mooring.

Boats are protected by a series of offshore breakwaters and by a natural south-facing bay. Our boating public appreciates the rapid access to open water, prevailing winds and close proximity to Catalina Island. Sailing conditions in Long Beach are practically perfect year round.

We treasure the popularity of our marina and encourage visitors; however, please remember Alamitos Bay, Long Beach Shoreline and Rainbow Marina are recreational marinas and therefore cannot be used for commercial activities such as Airbnb, VRBO, Burial at Sea Services, or activities/services in which you are being paid to provide.

Rainbow Harbor is unique to commercial activity with an open invitation to new business partners. If you are interested in joining the commercial team at Rainbow Harbor or would like information, you may contact Stephanie Hardy, acting supervisor, at (562) 570-8636.

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The Long Beach Marine Bureau will be holding an auction of impounded and abandoned vessels on Saturday, July 16, 2016 at the Alamitos Bay Marina. Inspection and registration begins at 8AM and the bidding at 9AM. The list of vessels will be available one week prior.

Full payment is due the day of the sale, no later than noon. There will be no refunds or adjustments. Payment may be made with cash or credit card.

All items offered “As Is-Where Is.” All sales are final. There will be no refunds or adjustments. There is no warranty either specific or implied as to the condition of the items offered for sale and we reserve the right to reject any offer or withdraw any item from the sale.

No vessel sold at the auction will be allowed in the Long Beach Marinas for a period of six months.

The goal is to have a couple auctions per year however, that is based on the number of boats accumulated. Inventory varies but typically we have everything from kayaks, inflatables, dinghies, power boats and sailboats ranging from 20’ to 40’.

If you are interested in being notified of future auctions, you can sign up for LINKLB, an email notification subscription, from the City of Long Beach. For more information visit the city website at: http://www.longbeach.gov/linklb/subscriptions.aspx.

For additional auction information you can call Vilma at (562) 570-3215 or e-mail vilma.Hernandez@longbeach.gov

Impounded and abandoned vessels will be up for auction at Alamitos Bay Marina.
Even though summer officially begins on June 20, most people feel like Memorial Day weekend is the real start of the season lasting all the way through Labor Day. With that in mind Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine has so much to offer you this summer.

Please visit www.100daysofsummer.org, a searchable website that lists hundreds of movies, concerts, museums and historic site programs, recreational swimming sessions, El Dorado Regional Park and El Dorado Nature Center activities, golf and tennis programs, recreation classes, and spontaneous fun activities like hiking, biking, dog parks, skate parks, and train rides.

Take a stay-cation this summer and enjoy free, low cost and exciting events and programs taking place in Long Beach. www.100daysofsummer.org

Movies in the Park · Concerts in the Park
Long Beach Municipal Band · Rancho Historic Sites
Sports and Athletics · El Dorado Nature Center
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SLIPS NOW AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS SIZES. SHORT TERM SEASONAL SLIPS ALSO AVAILABLE.

Have you been dreaming of buying a new, larger boat? Or do you have a friend who’s always wanted to call one of the Long Beach Marinas their home port but thought wait lists may take too long? If so, now is the time to act. With the Alamitos Bay Marina rebuild project advancing on schedule and recently completed docks regularly being added to that marina’s usable inventory, the overall marina system has a larger number of available slips than has been the case in some time.

This situation has created an exciting opportunity for Long Beach to accommodate many transfer requests for our existing boaters, as well as inviting many new boaters into its marinas. During the past four months more than 120 new boaters entered into slip permits at Alamitos Bay Marina, Shoreline Marina, and Rainbow Harbor Marina – and we are excited to bring even more new faces to the marina in the months ahead.

While not every size, location, and configuration is available – many are – and in those situations where wait lists are still required, many are significantly shorter than has been the case in the past.

In addition to offering slip opportunities to boaters interested in being part of the marina long term, we are also extending short term temporary permits to boaters who only wish to have their boat in the water on a seasonal basis. This is a great opportunity for boaters with smaller vessels, which are traditionally more difficult to secure slip space for. These seasonal temporary assignments are primarily available in the Shoreline Marina.

Please call 562-570-4950 to learn more about transfer opportunities, slip availability for new boaters or short term temporary permits.

While it isn’t illegal to drink alcohol on a boat, it is against the law to operate a vessel while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. The blood alcohol limit for boating is the same as that for driving a car - 0.08%.
The Fourth of July is generally a time to barbecue, enjoy time with family and friends, watch fireworks, and celebrate our independence. If you are still in the planning stages take a look at some options offered in our City.

Back by popular demand will be the 3rd of July “Big Bang Block Party.” This is a spectacular night to remember with a vintage fly over, sky divers, and pyrotechnics blasting off from a barge in the middle of the bay, giving spectators a close-up view from the bay’s shores and all along the Peninsula, Naples and, most festively, from the Big Bang Block Party and around The Boathouse on the Bay. Making things better all-around is that the Block Party benefits Children Today, a Long Beach based non-profit organization.

Children Today fosters long-term stability and success in children and families who are facing homelessness or who are involved in the child welfare system. They do this by providing trauma-informed child development and family support services. Children Today’s vision is that all children under age six who have experienced homelessness or abuse and neglect will have a safe, nurturing place to spend their days playing, learning and growing, while their parents take steps towards stability.

This year’s celebration starts at 5PM, with Block Party seating and dinner starting at $50 ($60 gets you inside the restaurant and $100 gets you on the patio). The price includes dinner catered by Naples Rib Company with ribs, chicken, and side dishes. Kids 10 and under get in for $20 including dinner.

Live music will be provided by DJ “Ron”. The fireworks go off at 9PM and are expected to last 18 minutes. For additional information or to reserve your spot visit www.boathouseonthebay.com or call 562-493-1100.

Festivities will continue on the 4th with the ever popular Queen Mary Fireworks Extravaganza. The Queen Mary will be hosting a family fun day aboard the ship. Celebrate Independence Day in style, come early and spend the day aboard the Queen Mary. Explore the ship, listen to live music, enjoy family-friendly entertainment and get front and center to our giant fireworks display. The 4th of July aboard the Queen Mary (2PM – 11PM) is a Southern California tradition unlike any other. For a list of activities visit http://www.queenmary.com. The fireworks extravaganza begins at 9PM and is expected to last about 18 minutes.

July 3rd and 4th Alfredo’s Beach Club will be hosting “Parties on the Pier.” The daily event hours are from 2PM – 10PM. Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier will be the location for tasty food, drinks and a DJ Dance Party. In addition to the entertainment on July 4th the pier is also a great viewing location for the downtown fireworks extravaganza. For additional information visit www.alfredosbeachclub.com.

The downtown area and the marinas will be impacted on the 4th of July and no guest parking passes will be issued, so please plan accordingly.

The Fourth of July is meant to be a day of celebration, please do so while being safe. Remember- Fireworks are illegal in Long Beach – leave it to the professionals to entertain you.