FROM THE MANAGER

Can’t believe it is August already!

I’d like to thank all of you for making the July 3rd and July 4th fireworks events successful. We recognize that the crowds make it difficult to get to your vessels and for your guests to find parking. Marine Patrol indicated that this year we had minimal incidents within the marinas!

Parking, parking, parking has become more than a challenge for Alamitos Bay Marina, Basin 1 boat owners since the opening of Ballast Point at Alamitos Bay Landing. Prior to the restaurant opening staff met with the restaurant operators and property management firm in an effort to minimize the impact to our boat owners. Needless to say not everyone adhered to the agreed upon plan. Please know that changes will come and our first priority is ensuring that boat owner parking is available. Marine Patrol has been and will continue to issue citations.

Security concerns at Shoreline Marina and Rainbow Harbor are also being addressed. In the past weeks some have been victims of vandalism and theft. Marine Patrol apprehended the suspects in the wheel and tire thefts. Marine Bureau is working with the Police Department to increase patrols and on the installation of security cameras.

On a positive note, the Alamitos Bay Marina Rebuild has become a well-oiled machine. It is moving quickly. Dock 15 formerly Gangway 25 was completed on July 22nd. Dock 16 former gangway 26 will be completed in August. And Docks 17 and 18 will be completed in September. Those of you in Basin 7 will receive a letter with your temporary assignment as demolition will begin prior to the holidays.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

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

HONEY POT DAY

Honey Pot Day at Long Beach, April – August 2016

Got a holding tank? Get it emptied for FREE!!! Mobile Pumpout Service is available. The Santa Monica Bay restoration foundation, in partnership with Department of Boating & Waterways, is providing free mobile pumpout service for boaters in the Long Beach Harbor. Boaters must register in advance for a short, free informational seminar to receive a clean boating kit and a free mobile pumpout. The 30-minute seminar will be held weekday evenings and weekends.

To sign up for the program, boaters should visit www.honey-potday.org, which includes directions to a short video on how to operate a sewage pumpout unit, three brief publications to read, and an online quiz.

The program was established in 2009 to reduce levels of bacteria in local harbors. Dumping one toilet flush of untreated boat sewage can cause the same environmental impacts as 10,000 flushes from a homeowner’s toilet, once that waste is treated by a municipal sewage treatment plant (San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Boat, 2009). By offering a convenient and free service, boaters are incentivized to properly dispose of sewage and keep our local waterways clean.

Since its initiation, nearly 900 boaters have been educated about the adverse effects of discharging sewage directly into waterways and over 25,000 gallons of sewage (the equivalent to 900,000 flushes from a home toilet) were properly disposed. With the combination of pumpout facilities, mobile pumpout services, and educational programs such as Honey Pot Day, boaters increase their knowledge and understanding behind proper waste disposal, which directly benefits local water quality. For more information, contact Georgia Tunioli at gtunioli@santamonicabay.org or (888)301-2527.
Piloting is the first course in a series of U.S. Power Squadron courses on navigation, covering the basics of coastal and inland navigation. This course focuses on navigation as it's done on recreational boats today, and embraces GPS as a primary navigation tool. But in the event of a GPS failure traditional basic plotting and piloting techniques will be covered. The course includes many in-class exercises, developing the student's skills through hands-on practice and learning. Eight two-hour classes are scheduled.

The course will be held on Wednesdays, Sept 7-Nov. 7, 2016 from 7-10 PM at Shoreline Yacht Club, 386 Shoreline Dr., Long Beach. The cost is: $115, USPS and SYC members: $95. For additional information visit Alamitos Sail & Power Squadron: www.usps.org/localusps/alamitos.

To reserve your place, contact Marion Seaman, 310-632-4748 email: marionseaman1@aol.com
Members of the local aquatics community joined Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal, Councilmembers Roberto Uranga and Suzie Price, City Manager Pat West, and staff from the Office of the City Manager, Health and Human Services and Parks, Recreation and Marine to celebrate “swimability” improvements at Alamitos Bay on June 26.

A new, permanent, measured open water buoy line in Alamitos Bay that is believed to be the first of its kind in the United States, new swim ladders and water quality signage were unveiled, and were available for use. The 500-yard Bay Shore Buoy Line features marked buoys every 100 yards, starting at the Bay Shore North Restrooms near Second Street and ending slightly east of the Bay Shore Swimming Pier.

Fifteen new swim ladders on public docks will increase safety and help swimmers get in and out of the water at popular Alamitos Bay. The swim ladders are located throughout the Bay, including Alamitos Bay Landing, the northeast corner of Naples Island, Mother’s Beach, Davies Launch Ramp, and the Bay Shore Swimming Pier.

New signs will inform swimmers about water quality in the Bay to encourage more activity. The signs are installed at Bay Shore North Restrooms (across from the Bay Shore Neighborhood Library), Bay Shore South (near the Bay Shore Swim-

L-R: Councilmembers Roberto Uranga and Suzie Price, and Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal with new water quality information signs at Alamitos Bay.

These improvements reaffirm the City’s commitment to “livability” initiatives, including “bikeability” and “walkability,” to promote healthy active lifestyles so all residents and visitors can experience an increased quality of life.

Marked buoys designate every 100 yards in Alamitos Bay at Bay Shore near Second Street
A groundbreaking ceremony for the new Downtown Fitness Loop was held in July near the Shoreline Marina Office. Guests saw the first installed piece of fitness equipment as well as plans for the entire loop.

The Downtown Fitness Loop is a 4.8-mile walking/running path bordered by Ocean Boulevard, East and West Shoreline Drive, Aquarium Road and Golden Shore. The loop has distance markers that connect fitness equipment stations, allowing exercisers to develop a routine suited for their fitness level. Throughout the path five active stations such as pull-up/dip bars, and six passive stations such as balance stretch, squats will be positioned.

The Downtown Fitness Loop will be the eighth free Fitness Loop in Long Beach. Free outdoor fitness loops are also available at Admiral Kidd, Houghton, Coolidge, Orizaba, Bixby, Chavez and 14th Street Parks.

“This enhancement to the Downtown area complements the beach pedestrian path and Bixby Park Fitness Loop,” said Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal at the event. “The more we provide convenient access to fitness equipment in the public space, the more we improve health and wellness within our community.”
To the Marina Community: Be On the Alert

FROM MARINE PATROL

There have been two recent situations that have drawn the attention of our marina boating community. In one case, from late May to mid June, there were four separate instances of tire and wheel theft which occurred in the Long Beach Shoreline Marina restricted parking area. In that instance, Marine Patrol officers apprehended three suspects while they were engaged in what appeared to be an additional theft - all the suspects were placed in custody following their arrest.

More recently, seven vehicles in the same Shoreline Marina parking lots were damaged. In this case, windows were broken to gain access to the vehicles for smash-and-grab style burglaries.

Following this most recent instance, Marine Patrol requested and deployed two portable surveillance systems, which are now in use in the lots. This equipment is only temporarily available for their use, and is expected to be deployed elsewhere in the City within the next few weeks.

Please help yourself, your neighbors, and the police by reporting any of these crimes when they are discovered. In a couple of the recent cases valuable items were left in plain view, which is an invitation for crime of opportunity. An old adage comes to mind: nobody looks after your affairs better than yourself! When leaving your car always remove any valuable items and do not leave anything in sight that may attract others.

Also, as stated in this before: when you see persons, cars/boats, or situations that just don’t seem right- call the Long Beach Police 24-hour number (562) 435-6711; or dial 9-1-1 if it is an emergency or crime in progress.

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BOATER’S GUIDE To Using Hull Paint

The Boater’s Guide to Using Hull Paint in California presents key considerations and information for boaters to think about when selecting a bottom paint and aids in understanding the available paint options.

What is the difference between biocide hull paint and non-biocide hull paint? Biocide hull paints are toxic and act similarly to pesticides that prevent infestations of insects or weeds on your lawns.

Biocide paints contain copper or zinc or other active ingredients (e.g. Econea or Irgarol) to prevent fouling on boat hulls. However, biocide paints are also known to be toxic to marine organisms.

Non-biocide paints do not contain active ingredients, making them more environmentally friendly. These paints are typically made of silicone, ceramic or epoxy materials.

For a more complete list of available copper hull paints and more information on DPT’s mitigation efforts, visit the website: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/registration/reevaluation/chemicals/antifoulant_paints.htm

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**PAINT OPTIONS**

**Non-Biodece Paints**  
*The most environmentally friendly approach*

- Hull paints that do not contain metals (such as copper or zinc) or other active ingredients.
- Estimated average useful life²: 5-10 years
- Recommended cleaning: Every 2 to 4 weeks (frequency and method vary by product and season)
- Long term benefits include longer useful life (reduced haul outs). This may offset higher upfront application cost when compared to copper paints.
- Use of non-biodece paints is encouraged statewide, especially in waters impacted by copper pollution.

Paint Examples⁴:
- International Paint Intersleek 900
- Interlux VC Performance Epoxy
- Ram Protective Coatings CeRam-Kote

**Non Copper Biocide Paints**

- Hull paints containing zinc or other non-copper active ingredients (e.g. Econea) to prevent marine growth on boat hulls.
- Estimate average useful life²: up to 2 years
- Recommended cleaning: Every 3 to 4 weeks (frequency and method vary by product and season)
- Non-copper biocide paints do not result in the release of copper. However, these paints release other active ingredients that may lead to future water quality impacts.

Paint Examples⁴:
- Epaint Ecominder
- Interlux Interspeed 5640
- Pettit Hydrocoat Eco
- Sherwin Williams Seaguard HMF

**Lower Leach Rate¹ Copper Paints**

- Hull paints with leach rates at or below 9.5 µg/cm²/day
- Estimated average useful life: 2-3 years
- Recommended cleaning: Wait a minimum of 90 days after applying new hull paint before initiating cleaning. Boaters are encouraged to clean these hull paints only when needed, no more frequently than once every 30 days.³
- Use of lower leach rate copper paints is encouraged statewide, especially in waters impacted by copper pollution.

Paint Examples⁴:
- Nautical Super ProGuard
- Pettit Trinidad Pro
- Pettit Vivid Antifouling Marine Paint
- Seahawk Sharkskin

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¹California Department of pesticide Regulation (DPR) has categorized registered copper paints into two categories (≤9.5 and >9.5 µg/cm²/day) based on their product-specific leach rates.
²Hull paint life expectancies based on paint manufacturers’ claims.
³Cleaning frequency recommendation based on use of soft-pile carpet for hull cleaning and Southern California fouling conditions.
⁴Paints are listed by manufacturer and paint name. Paint examples represent products known to be used by California boatyards.

The mention of trade names or commercial products does not constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.