Spring Aboard,

I’m looking forward to enjoying the increasing daylight hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets. Must say I envy our live aboards who wake up every morning to our beautiful views and witness the colorful sunsets from the comfort of their homes.

As boating season begins I thought it was a good time to remind everyone of the new life jacket law for children. The new law that took effect January 1, 2016 requires children under the age of 13 to wear a personal flotation device (PFD) while on a power and sail vessel of any size. Prior to this change the rule required that PFDs be worn on vessels larger than 26-feet.

The Division of Boating and Waterways has rolled out a website dedicated to the topic of the California Boater Card. As you may recall, beginning January 1, 2018, the mandatory boating safety education law goes into effect and will be phased in by age.

If you operate a motorized vessel on California waterways, you will be required to pass an approved boating safety exam and carry a lifetime California Boater Card. At some point we all have to get one. Take some time to cruise through the website, especially if you have boaters under the age of 20 operating your vessels, at www.californiaboatercard.com.

See you on the waterways,

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

The Congressional Cup returns to Long Beach waters on March 28. The LBYC has hosted this world class event for 53 years.
**Tide Chart**

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Congressional Cup**
  - March 28-April 2
  - For more info: www.lbyc.org

- **Boat Owner’s Association Annual Meeting**
  - Thursday, April 6
  - Long Beach Yacht Club

- **Long Beach Grand Prix**
  - April 7-9
  - For more info: www.gplb.com

- **Easter**
  - April 16

- **USCG Captain’s License Course**
  - Advanced Maritime Education
  - 3 Consecutive Weekends - Begins April 21
  - For more info: SmartCaptains.com

- **Long Beach Pride**
  - May 20-21
  - For more info: longbeachpride.com

- **US Power Squadron Boating Course**
  - Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21, 28
  - For more info: Marion Seaman
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- **Non Emergency** (562) 435-6711
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- **Rainbow Harbor Office** (562) 570-8636
- **Maintenance:**
  - During working hours (562) 570-1582
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CONGRESSIONAL CUP - 2017
Ted Turner, Ed Baird, and Dennis Conner. These world class sailors will tell you the Congressional Cup is pure match racing – a true test of sailing ability. They are from a long list of top sailors who have traveled to Long Beach to compete in what is called the Grandfather of Modern Match Racing.

Pure match racing boats are precisely uniform, which creates an opportunity to truly measure sailing strategy and skills. In this regatta there is no margin for error: It is like a chess game on the water, and year after year the Congressional Cup delivers excitement.

In March, the Congressional Cup returns to Long Beach Yacht Club, and 2017 marks its 53rd year of hosting the premier match race in sailing. World-renowned skippers will travel from New Zealand, England, and beyond to come and battle it out on the waters off Long Beach. Come enjoy the boats, the teams, the history and the excitement from our free viewing area at the Veterans Memorial Belmont Pier.

CONGRESSIONAL CUP HISTORY:
Fifty three years is a long time for an all-volunteer regatta of the caliber of Congressional Cup. Particularly impressive is that it has become a prestigious annual event regarded around the world as the “grandfather of modern match racing.”

The Long Beach Yacht Club's 1,000 members look back with admiration and respect for those officers, directors, committee chairs and volunteers who made LBYC - and the Congressional Cup regatta - grow and prosper over the years.

In 1963, the goal of the Club’s Congressional Cup founders was to create an annual, world-scale regatta that would run over a short course with intense action, be spectator-friendly and, most importantly, offer a competition that would be a true test of skill by using equal and identical boats. The Deed of Gift which was established for the purpose of encouraging yacht racing in the United States was drafted by then-R/C William Dalessi, and the text was personally typed on the parchment by Congressman Craig Hosmer. The deed, signed by Congressman Hosmer, Senator Thomas Kuchel and then-Commodore Richard Brookins, was presented to the Club in 1964 by Congressman Hosmer. The first regatta was held in 1965.

Early Congressional Cup regattas were raced in privately owned Cal-40s. These were followed for a short period by Columbia-50s, Ericson-39s, and Catalina-38s. In 1990 Catalina Yachts provided 11 identical Catalina-37s specifically designed for match racing.

Through the years, Congressional Cup has attracted an increasingly impressive following of internationally renowned skippers and crews. The first international competitors were from Canada in 1969. Since then, skippers and crews from around the world -- including many America’s Cup participants -- have sought an invitation to the regatta.

In 1974, LBYC’s match race concept was taken to Europe and introduced to British and European waters by the Royal Lymington Yacht Club. In 1983-84, the International Yacht Racing Union (now International Sailing Federation, ISAF) recognized Congressional Cup as a premier event. In 1985, the World Match Race Conference was created at LBYC with Staff Commodore Tom Shadden as founding president. Other match race cups based on the LBYC concept then followed with New York, New Zealand, Australia, France, England and Bermuda in the lead. A significant improvement was initiated in 1987-1988. Match racing was great, but protests simply were taking too long. There was need for instant-penalty decisions that could add to the challenge and excitement of the event. Led by Chief Umpire Tom Ehman and a group of club race officials, LBYC invited a blue-ribbon group of rules experts and sailors to the 1988 event; they served as the first umpire team at a major world-level match race. The plan was a success and umpiring is now standard at every match race in the world. National and international umpire certification ensures that sailors receive consistent calls at every event.

Because of the skill required of skippers and crews in racing identical yachts under the current match race concept, skippers are ranked by their history of races and wins. Only the highest ranked or most promising are invited to participate in Congressional Cup. Accordingly, the level of competition produces a roster of world-class skippers, crews and umpires that reads like a Who’s Who of Yachting.

Now in its Fifty-Third year, Congressional Cup is joining the World Match Race Tour as the opening event for 2017.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
Tuesday -- March 28, 2017 Team Practice - Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier
Wednesday -- March 29, 2017 First day of racing begins at 11:30 am - Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier
Press conference following racing at Long Beach Yacht Club.
Thursday -- March 30, 2017 Second day of racing begins at 11:30 am - Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier
Press conference following racing at Long Beach Yacht Club
Friday -- March 31, 2017 Third day of racing begins at 11:30 am - Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier
Press conference following racing at Long Beach Yacht Club
Saturday -- April 1, 2017 Fourth day of racing begins at 11:30 am - Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier. Fleet race to Long Beach Yacht Club with umpires and sponsors. Press conference following racing at Long Beach Yacht Club
Sunday -- April 2, 2017 Fleet race, semifinals and finals - Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier. Victory Parade to Long Beach Yacht Club and Trophy PresentationFriendly Reminders
We are noticing a lot of our customers advertising on social media for vessels rentals. Be reminded, commercial activity is not permitted in our marinas unless you are a commercial operator. Unauthorized commercial activity could jeopardize your permit.

Our rules state: No slip or dock structure within the Long Beach marinas shall be used for commercial purposes unless the slip has been designated by the Manager as a commercial float.

“Commercial purposes” shall include, but not be limited to, any activity involving the use of a Permittee’s vessel by the Permittee or any other person, firm, or entity for which use the Permittee receives cash, credit, or any other form of valuable consideration.

Current customers can rent dinghy racks in Alamitos Bay for a nominal monthly fee.

The following rules apply.
- One vessel up to 10’ per rack (kayaks and paddle boards are exempt)
- Kayaks and Paddle Boards – up to 2 per rack
- All vessels must be in good working condition
- Inflatable must be kept inflated
- All vessels must be kept upside down and free of water
- No storage of items on the racks (i.e. paddles, sails, bags, masts etc)
- Unauthorized items and vessels will be impounded (storage and impound fees will apply)
- Vessels must belong to a current customer on file.

Alamitos Bay Boaters: If your head key is not working, please stop by the office and have it re-magnetized. It only takes a minute and can be done during normal business hours, even on the week-ends.
Have you ever been interested in being a paid captain? If the answer is yes, here is an opportunity for you. The Maritime Institute will be offering two U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved courses beginning April 21.

The Maritime Institute is a federally approved school authorized to administer their own onsite exam in lieu of the USCG exam. They are a comprehensive source for USCG approved courses for the recreational, professional, military, and law enforcement mariner.

The curriculum covers everything from basic maritime rules of the road, to the OUPV/6-Pack and Upper Tonnage Captain's License (Master 100, 200, 500 & 1600 GT and 3rd Mate). In addition, on-line courses are now available. For additional information please call (415) 798-7544 or visit www.smartcaptains.com.

Along with the noise and excitement of the Grand Prix also comes inconvenience. We apologize in advance and appreciate everyone’s cooperation. Please refer to your March Marina Reader or check the notices posted on the gangways for a complete list of street closures and ingress and egress details.

NO GUEST PASSES of any kind will be issued. Only Long Beach Shoreline Marina orange parking passes will be honored during the event. If you have friends coming to visit, you need to make plans to bring them into the marina with you or they must walk down. Shoreline Village will be closed from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to anyone without Grand Prix tickets.

Parking is difficult at best and very impacted during this event so the best suggestion is to plan ahead. Again, we appreciate everyone’s cooperation during this time. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Kimarie Vestre at (562) 570-3236.

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