It is hard to believe that it is already July! Good thing we still have between 10 and 12 weeks of nice boating weather. Hoping that everyone can get out there and enjoy times with family and friends.

This month I’d like to take the opportunity to apprise everyone of behaviors which compromise the integrity of $114 million investment in the Alamitos Bay Marina Rebuild. I apologize to our Shoreline and Rainbow boat owners but ask for your indulgence in that someday you may wish to transfer to Alamitos Bay.

Although undertaken with good intentions dock, electrical, and other modifications have far reaching implications. Our docks are designed with load limits related to the size of boats that can be accommodated in a slip, as well as forces on those boats by wind and waves. Cleats are placed in locations with the most structural integrity. Relocating cleats may compromise its ability to hold a vessel in the slip during unusually high winds and/or waves. In addition, moving a cleat or installing additional cleats have and could result in hitting a utility line. These lines are routed internally through the Unifloat dock and not easily visible.

Electrical modifications such as the one illustrated below violate the National Electrical Code adopted by the state of California which requires that all our pedestals have GFI protection for the purpose of public safety within wet locations, i.e., a power cord falling into the bay. This modification could have resulted in injury to the boat owner, power loss to the entire dock, and thousands of dollars of damage for which the individual responsible for the modification is liable. Per our rules and regulations, boat owners are responsible for the types of damages.

The final topic is regarding our ‘On-Dock Pumpouts”. This is a friendly reminder that anything that ends up in your storage tank will cycle through the system and could cause damage to the pump. Pumps have been damaged by razor blades, forks, underwear, and screws. These incidents have already cost thousands of dollars. Damage to one pump by carelessness impacts boaters on a minimum of three docks. Please remember that this is our million dollar home, let’s take care of it.

Safe Boating,
Elvira Hallinan
Manager, Marinas and Beaches

Always be safe! Modifications of any kind compromise you and your boat’s safety and you will be held responsible for damages.
Long Beach Municipal Band
Summer Concerts at Marine Stadium
Thursday evenings June 29 – August 3
Concerts begin at 6:30PM
Waterways will reduce to 5mph at 6:00PM
so vessels of any size can enter the stadium and enjoy the music

Independence Day
Tuesday, July 4 · Marine Bureau Offices Open
7:30AM-5:30PM

Yacht Clubs of Long Beach Charity Swap Meet
Basin 3 (near Seal Beach Yacht Club)
Saturday, July 8, 2017 · 7:00AM – 1:00PM
For Info: (714) 865-4585

Dragon Boat Tournament
Long Beach Marine Stadium
July 29 – 30, 2017
For Info: lbdragonboat.com

Sprint Nationals
Long Beach Marine Stadium
August 5-6, 2017
For Info: (310) 318-4012

Catalina Ski Race
August 12, 2017
For Info: catalinaskirace.net

Tide Chart
July 2017

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It’s Finally Here
100 Days of Summer

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, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine has so much to offer you this summer.

Please visit www.100daysofsummer.org as a searchable web site 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 * Ranch Historic Sites * Sports and Athletics * El Dorado Nature Center * Aquatics * and Much More

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Oh the Irony
Honey Pot Day

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.honeypotday.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 (213) 576-6648.

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Celebrating Our Independence
July 4th Festivities in Long Beach

The Fourth of July is 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.

**Big Bang Block Party**

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 the fact that the Block Party benefits the Autism Partnership Foundation, a local non-profit organization. Autism Partnership Foundation helps with autism treatment, training, and research.

The celebration starts at 5:30PM, 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 call 562-493-1100 or visit www.boathouseonthebay.com.

**Queen Mary Fireworks Extravaganza**

Festivities continue on the 4th with the ever popular Queen Mary Fireworks Extravaganza. The Queen Mary will host 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.

**Parties on the Pier**

July 4th Alfredo’s Beach Club will be hosting “Parties on the Pier.” The 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.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

**ALL FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH**

Including “SAFE & SANE” Fireworks

*If you see something, say something!*

Call Long Beach Police Dispatch at (562) 435-6711 or 9-1-1 if you observe dangerous or illegal activities.

Together we can enjoy a safe holiday!

MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 18.48.010
Anyone using or transporting fireworks violations may be fined with a $1,000 fine, sentenced to jail for up to 90 days, or both.

**Send us your photos**

**Where Have You Been?**

Catch a marlin in the Gulf of Mexico, recently returned from Port Townsend or a day trip to Catalina? Send us a photo of yourself with the Marina Reader on your boating, sailing and fishing adventures and we may feature you in an upcoming edition!

E-mail your high resolution photo (“actual size” setting on Iphone) to: Suzanne.Kakehashi@longbeach.gov. include with your photo your name, where you took the photo—the city and country and how long you’ve had a slip in the Long Beach marina.
Need an excuse to get outside and enjoy the fresh air? Training for the Long Beach marathon, Long Beach Triathlon or simply want to increase your activity level? The Downtown Fitness Loop is here to help!

"The Downtown Fitness Loop is the eighth free Fitness Loop developed in Long Beach. These easy-to-use outdoor gyms create a fun, accessible, and social environment where people can enjoy getting fit by using top-quality exercise equipment and stations suitable for all fitness levels," said Mayor Robert Garcia.

The Downtown Fitness Loop is a 4.8-mile walking/running path bordered by Alamitos Avenue, East Shoreline Drive, Aquarium Road, West Shoreline Drive and Ocean Blvd. The loop has distance markers that connect fitness equipment stations, allowing exercisers to develop a routine suited for their fitness level.

Throughout the path, there are five active stations such as pull-up/dip bars, and six passive stations such as balance stretch, squats. The fitness loop will complement the Beach Pedestrian Path and the nearby Bixby Fitness Loop.

Summer is here. The Long Beach Marinas are beautiful in sight and offer wonderful amenities and attractions. This is great for boat owners, both permanent and visiting, but it is also an attraction for tourists and non-boat owners alike.

Although we welcome all, we need to work as a team and protect our assets and keep our marinas clean. Be aware of your surroundings and report any unusual activity by calling Long Beach Police, Marine Patrol at (562) 435-6711.

In addition, this is the time of year that most boaters go down to the docks to do their version of spring-cleaning. Boat US recommends completing a basic checklist of things to do for the summer season.

1. Check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for leaks and looseness.
2. Use a hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
3. Check expiration dates on flares and fire extinguishers.
4. Check stove and remote tanks for loose fittings and leaking hoses.
5. Inspect bilge pump and float switch to make sure it is working properly.
6. Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafing.
7. Update or replace old charts and waterway guides.
8. Make sure your boating license and/or registration is up to date.
9. Review your boat insurance policy and update coverage if needed. Be sure you have fuel spill insurance coverage.
10. Make sure you have properly sized and wearable life jackets in good condition for each passenger, including kids and pets.

Would your child like to learn how to sail? If so, build a foundation of sailing skills with our summer program.

No experience necessary. This is a great opportunity for boys and girls, ages 7–18, to either learn to sail or advance their skills. Did I mention no experience is necessary? This summer program begins June 26th. The U.S. Sailing Certified instructors guarantee exceptional instruction and lots of fun. The cost is $500 for Seal Beach Yacht Club Members and $600 for non-members.

For more information visit: www.sealbeachyc.org/junior or contact Tinnie Miller (562) 373-0765.
The Yacht Clubs of Long Beach present The Charity Regatta Swap Meet on Saturday, July 8, 2017, 7AM–1PM. The Yacht Clubs of Long Beach are celebrating! It’s time for the Annual Charity Regatta Swap Meet benefiting The Children’s Clinic of Long Beach.

Check out your boat, dock box, garage and your storage unit for items that will make someone happy! Spread the love and share your stuff. Better yet – sell your stuff! All of our fundraising activities, the Annual Charity Regatta Swap Meet included, benefit the Children’s Clinic of Long Beach.

Held in the parking lot at Seal Beach Yacht Club, it is THE place to be on Saturday, July 8th, from 7AM–1PM. Be sure to come early for the super deals! Shopping is free. Selling will cost you $35 and all the proceeds go directly to the Clinic. Spaces are currently available and can be purchased the day of the event. However, reservations are requested. Whether you are buying or selling this is a great opportunity to support a local charity.

Marina Yacht Club will be cooking a delicious pancake breakfast with sausage, juice and coffee from 7AM–10:30AM. Traditional grilled hot dog lunch with snacks and sodas will be on the menu from 11AM–1PM. Proceeds from the meals will also be donated to The Children’s Clinic. Come on down, eat, sell or shop – it is for a great cause!

The Children’s Clinic, “Serving Children and Their Families” (TCC), was founded in 1939 by a group of physicians and community leaders who recognized the importance of access to healthcare for all children, particularly those who are from low income families. Since then, TCC has grown from offering weekly well-child care to daily, full service health care with primary care services for children, adolescents and adults. TCC is a unique leader in our community. There are now 8 locations serving the greater Long Beach area. Come on out and support them.

There is no charge for shoppers. Pre-register not required but helpful, $35 per space. Clean out your garage and put some extra spending money in your pocket all while helping a great program. Let’s reuse and reduce! Mark your calendars and come on down! For info contact Kelly Walsh at (714) 865-4585.