

# Marina Reader

## Long Beach Marinas

Alamitos Bay Marina, Long Beach Shoreline Marina, and Rainbow Harbor Marina

## From the Manager

Happy New Year,

My wishes for you are a great beginning for January, Love for February, Peace for March, new gear for opening days in April, days off for May, excellent boating conditions for June and July, Yellowtail, Calico, and White Sea bass for August, splendid sunsets with your sweetheart for September, good fortune for October and November, and happiness for December. Let's enjoy our blessings this year.

As the days get shorter and the sun is lower, it starts to look like winter. Winter means that there is a chance for inclement weather and it's time to protect your boat. Please take the following preventive measures:

- ✓Secure your gear so it doesn't come loose during winter Santa Ana wind conditions.
- ✓Clear all scuppers and drains.
- ✓Check fenders and mooring lines to make sure they are secure and in good condition.
- ✓Secure halyards, rigging, and canvas covers.
- ✓Clean and clear debris from the bilge.
- ✓Inspect bilge pump and float switch for proper function.
- ✓Secure your sails to prevent them from coming loose during high winds.
- ✓Batten down the hatches.

Wishing you peace, love and laughter in the new year.

**Elvira**  
Manager, Marinas and Beaches

### Farmers Almanac Long Range Weather Forecast Southwest Region January 2018

- 1st-3rd: Snow moves out of Utah, then it turns fair. Mix of sun and clouds for the Tournament of Roses Parade.
- 4th-7th: Mild, turning unsettled.
- 8th-11th: Snows for Arizona; a chilly rain elsewhere.
- 12th-15th: Turning unsettled along the Pacific Coast.
- 16th-19th: Skies clear.
- 20th-23rd: Heavy showers/gusty winds California, points east.
- 24th-27th: Fair/cold weather, then unsettled weather spreads in from the Pacific Coast; squally Arizona.
- 28th-31st: Pleasantly dry.

*Preparing for unpredictable weather conditions can help keep your boat safe this winter.*

## Navigation

### Whale Watching Season

Tips and tricks to view migrating Pacific Grey Whales.

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Rules, stickers, regulations- we cover it all.

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California Boater Card Phase-In for those 20 years and younger begins Jan 1, 2018

# Tide Chart

## January 2018

Date	Low Tide				High Tide			
	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1 M	1:39	1.6	3:07	-1.7	7:55	6.8	9:34	4.1
2 Tu	2:27	1.6	3:53	-1.7	8:41	6.9	10:23	4.2
3 W	3:17	1.6	4:39	-1.6	9:28	6.7	11:12	4.2
4 Th	4:10	1.7	5:26	-1.2	10:16	6.2	--	--
5 F	5:08	1.9	6:14	-0.7	12:04	4.2	--	--
					11:07	5.6		
6 Sa	6:17	2.0	7:05	-0.2	1:00	4.2	12:04	4.9
7 Su	7:40	2.1	7:58	0.4	1:59	4.3	1:11	4.1
8 M	9:15	1.9	8:55	1.0	2:59	4.5	2:37	3.5
9 Tu	10:45	1.4	9:54	1.4	3:57	4.7	4:18	3.1
10 W	11:54	0.9	10:51	1.7	4:48	4.9	5:49	3.1
11 Th	--	--	12:45	0.4	5:32	5.1	6:57	3.2
			11:42	1.9				
12 F	--	--	1:26	0.0	6:11	5.2	7:47	3.3
13 Sa	12:24	2.0	2:00	-0.3	6:45	5.4	8:26	3.4
14 Su	1:01	2.1	2:32	-0.5	7:17	5.5	8:58	3.5
15 M	1:35	2.0	3:01	-0.6	7:48	5.6	9:27	3.6
16 Tu	2:07	2.0	3:31	-0.6	8:19	5.6	9:57	3.6
17 W	2:39	2.0	4:00	-0.6	8:49	5.6	10:27	3.7
18 Th	3:13	2.0	4:31	-0.5	9:20	5.5	10:58	3.7
19 F	3:48	2.0	5:01	-0.3	9:53	5.3	11:32	3.7
20 Sa	4:27	2.1	5:33	-0.1	10:27	4.9	--	--
21 Su	5:14	2.1	6:07	0.3	12:09	3.8	--	--
					11:05	4.5		
22 M	6:15	2.1	6:44	0.6	12:50	3.9	--	--
					11:51	4.0		
23 Tu	7:36	2.1	7:28	1.1	1:36	4.0	12:57	3.4
24 W	9:15	1.7	8:24	1.4	2:29	4.3	2:38	2.9
25 Th	10:44	1.1	9:32	1.7	3:27	4.6	4:37	2.8
26 F	11:50	0.3	10:43	1.9	4:24	5.0	6:06	3.0
27 Sa	--	--	12:42	-0.4	5:19	5.5	7:07	3.4
			11:47	1.8				
28 Su	--	--	1:29	-1.0	6:10	6.0	7:55	3.7
29 M	12:43	1.7	2:12	-1.5	7:00	6.4	8:38	4.0
30 Tu	1:35	1.4	2:55	-1.7	7:47	6.6	9:19	4.2
31 W	2:24	1.2	3:36	-1.7	8:34	6.6	10:00	4.4

# Upcoming Events

### New Years Day

January 1, Happy New Year  
All Marina Offices will be closed

### Parking Pass Enforcement Begins

January 1  
For info: Long Beach Shoreline (562) 570-4950  
Alamitos Bay (562) 570-3215  
Rainbow Harbor (562) 570-8636

### California Boater Card Phase In

January 1  
For info: californiaboatercard.com

### USPS Marine Electrical Systems Course

January 10-March 7  
For info: marionseaman1@aol.com

### Captain's Course

January 26  
For info: www.SmartCaptains.com

### Sailing and Seamanship Class

February 9- March 30  
For info: bobnflip@aol.com

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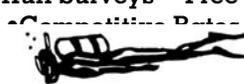
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<b>Marine Patrol Emergency</b>	911 or 9911 (Dock Phone)
<b>Non Emergency</b>	(562) 435-6711
<b>Shoreline Office</b>	(562) 570-4950
<b>Alamitos Bay Office</b>	(562) 570-3215
<b>Rainbow Harbor Office</b>	(562)570-8636
<b>Maintenance:</b>	
<b>During working hours</b>	(562)570-1582
<b>After office hours</b>	(562)570-3101

## January In Our Waters Means Whale Watching Season

When more than 15,000 Pacific Gray Whales migrate to winter feeding grounds in Mexico, they always include Long Beach in their itinerary of seaside cities. The whale's awesome journey can be easily seen by boat in Long Beach's San Pedro Bay from now until mid April.

Pacific Grays make the 12,000 mile round-trip between their summer Arctic feeding grounds and winter breeding grounds, closely following the Aleutian Islands past British Columbia, along the Washington, Oregon and California coast to the shallow lagoons of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula.

By January, the whales begin arriving in Baja, first the pregnant females, then the mature breeding adults and finally the yearlings. The once imperiled Pacific Gray has fully recovered to pre-exploitation numbers since being listed under the Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1969.

The federal government has since removed the Pacific Gray whales from the list. Pods of whales can be seen by individual skippers but the National Marine Fisheries Service wants to remind everyone of the following guidelines for whale watching.

- Maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from the whales.
- Whales should be followed in a parallel course, never cross a whale's path.
- Never use a boat to separate a whale from its mother or to herd or drive whales.
- Remember that causing a whale to change its normal pattern, forcing it to take evasive action, such as diving, can be harmful to the whales and is a prosecutable offense.
- Vessels should not operate at speeds faster than the slowest whale in the pod.
- Maintain a constant speed and avoid changing either speed or direction until well away from the whales.

Whale watchers will find the opportunity to spot some migrating whales as they "spy hot" (poke their heads out of the water), breach (jump out of the water) and mate. For skippers who would rather leave the driving to the professional spout spotters, daily whale watching excursions depart from Rainbow Harbor Marina.

P.S. Sometimes a trick to seeing whales is to follow these professional boats. Many of them hire airplanes to go out and spot the herds before they leave port. So, try tagging along, at a distance, of course.

## Basic Sailing Class Sailing Skills and Seamanship

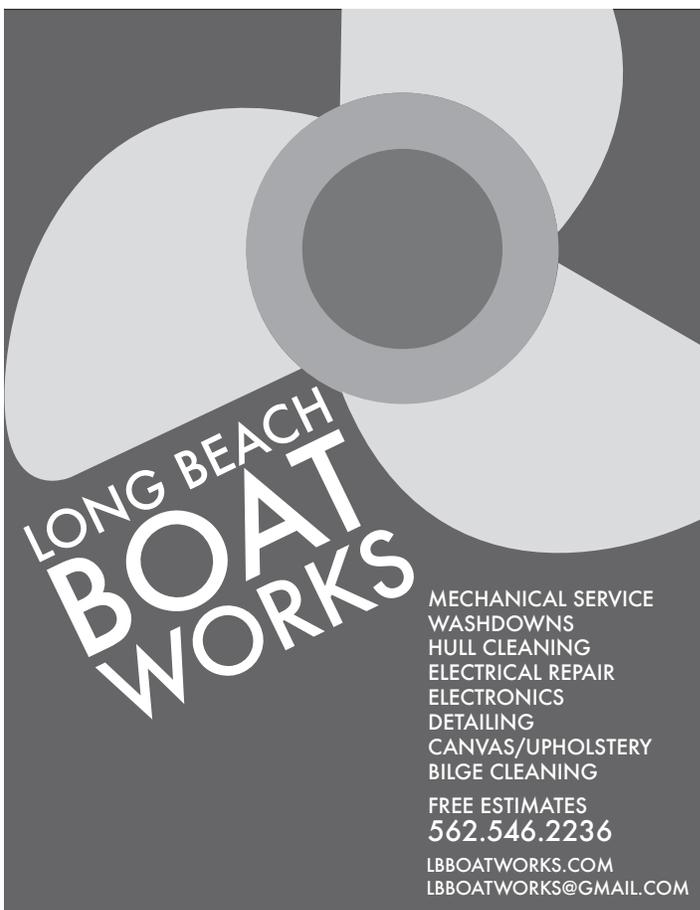
Sailing Skills and Seamanship, a class covering basic sailing knowledge and safety starts on Friday, February 9 and runs through March 30, 2018 for nine weeks at the Belmont Shore Fire Station #8 at 5373 E. 2nd Street in Long Beach.

Sailing Skills and Seamanship is a comprehensive course that will prepare a sailor with the basic information needed to operate sailboats under a variety of conditions. The course book has been fully updated and the course is NASBLA approved. The fee for the class is \$45 and a certificate is awarded upon successful completion of the class.

Topics include: What is a sailboat; how a boat sails; sailboat maneuvering; legal requirements; aids to navigation; rigging; handling; tuning and heavy weather; navigation rules; marlinespike seamanship; sailboat engines; trailering; weather; radiotelephone; inland waterways, locks, and dams; and piloting.

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete this course and can present their course-completion certificates.

For more information contact Robert Vatz at [bobnflip@aol.com](mailto:bobnflip@aol.com) or (562) 493-3479.



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## Current Registration Stickers.... It's The Law Registration How-To's

According to the Department of Boating and Waterways current registration stickers must be properly displayed on most vessels. California law requires all vessels to be registered and numbered except:

- Boats propelled manually
- Boats eight feet or less in length propelled solely by sail
- Certain vessels owned by public agencies
- Vessels documented by the Coast Guard
- Foreign vessels
- Ship's lifeboats used solely for lifesaving purposes
- Vessels having valid registration in the state of principal use and not remaining in California over 90 consecutive days
- Sailboards

These guidelines include vessels that are moored, whether or not they are used.

### How to Register

Application to register a vessel may be made at any office of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Upon receipt of the required information and fees, DMV will issue you a Certificate of Number and Certificate of Ownership. The boat registration number is the number (beginning with CF) shown on the certificates.

**Certificate of Number:** The Certificate of Number, or temporary Certificate of Number, must be available for inspection on the vessel whenever it is being used on the water. You are required to properly display the current registration stickers on your vessel next to the CF number to permit enforcement officers to determine, without boarding, that the vessel is currently registered.

**Certificate of Ownership:** Keep your Certificate of Ownership in a safe place—this is your evidence of title to the vessel. Certificates issued will also contain the boat's identifying number (known as the hull identification number), which is the number permanently marked on the transom by the manufacturer or builder, or the number assigned by DMV and marked on the transom by the owner. An application for transfer of ownership can be found on the reverse side of the Certificate of Ownership.

**Taxes:** After you register, your vessel may be subject to a use tax based on the purchase price if it was acquired out of state or from a private party. For additional information regarding use taxes, contact your local Board of Equalization or DMV office. Although DMV is responsible for the collection of biennial vessel registration fees, boat owners may still be subject to annual local or county taxes. Boats are subject

to personal property taxes assessed by the assessor in the county where your boat is principally located. Failure to pay personal property taxes assessed on a boat may result in the non-renewal of your boat's registration. Questions concerning taxes on boats should be directed to your county assessor. Registration fee information can be found at [dmv.ca.gov/vr/fees/vessels.htm](http://dmv.ca.gov/vr/fees/vessels.htm).

### Display of Numbers and Stickers

Along with your boat registration number, DMV will also issue you a set of registration stickers. Numbers and stickers issued at the time of registration must be placed on each side of the forward half of the vessel, usually on the bow. Registration stickers must be securely affixed three inches aft of, and in line with, the registration numbers. The number must be visible from each side of the vessel. No other numbers, letters or devices may be placed in the vicinity of the state-assigned number.

- To separate the numerals from the letters, spaces the width of the letter "C" or hyphens may be used between the prefix and the number, and between the number and the suffix.

- Letters and numerals must be block characters at least three inches high. Choose a color for the letters and numbers that will contrast well with the hull or backing plate color of your vessel. In determining height and contrast, any border, trim, outlining or shading around the number shall not be considered.

- If placement on a flared bow would make the number difficult to read, it should be affixed on some other part of the forward half of the vessel where it can be easily read.

- For PWCs, the numbers and stickers must also be affixed on each side of the forward half of the vessel on a non-removable portion of the hull.

- On inflatable boats or vessels so configured that a number will not properly adhere or cannot be clearly seen, it should be painted on or attached to a backing plate, along with the registration sticker.

### CORRECT DISPLAY OF NUMBER REGISTRATION STICKER

The law also requires that a set of carbon monoxide warning stickers be placed on the transom and helm of all new and used motorized boats sold in California.

If you are interested in learning more about the State of California boating laws, stop by the marina office and pick up a copy of the ABC's Of The California Boating Law.

## Stop Right There Don't Move a Mussel

Quagga and Zebra (Dreissenid) mussels pose a serious threat to California's waters and fisheries. The spread of these freshwater mussels threatens recreational boating and fishing, aquatic ecosystems and fisheries, water delivery systems, hydroelectric facilities, agriculture and the environment in general. As a means to stop the spread of these harmful invasive mussels, California is asking boaters to clean, drain and dry their boats!



### HOW DO MUSSELS HITCH A RIDE?

- By contaminating recreational watercraft and commercial haulers from infested waters:
- Many Southern California freshwaters
- Waters along the Colorado River drainage
- All of the Great Lakes and their tributaries
- Most waters east of the Continental Divide
- Lake Mead, NV/AZ and waters it feeds

### DON'T LET THEM RUIN YOUR BOAT OR CALIFORNIA'S WATERS!

- Inspect all exposed surfaces – small mussels feel like sandpaper to the touch
- Wash the hull of each watercraft thoroughly
- Remove all plants and animal material
- Drain all water and dry all areas
- Drain and dry the lower outboard unit
- Clean and dry all live-wells
- Empty and dry any buckets
- Dispose of all bait in the trash
- Wait 5 days and keep watercraft dry between launches into different fresh waters.

For more information: Call (866) 440-9530 or visit: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Quagga-Mussels](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Quagga-Mussels).



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Topics presented are based on the four-part USCG exam are: rules of the road (advanced), navigation general (buoys, weather, tides and currents, etc.), chart plotting and deck general and safety

The next 3 weekend class begins Thursday, January 26. The cost is \$695. For more information, visit: [www.SmartCaptains.com](http://www.SmartCaptains.com) or call 415 798-7544.



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## Welcome 2018 A Few Reminders

**REOCCURRING CREDIT CARD:** If you are on the reoccurring credit card program be sure to check the expiration date on your card. If your card has expired your payment will get rejected and ultimately could result in penalties. If you need to update your information a new application must be submitted to City Hall. The application can be found at: [www.longbeach.gov](http://www.longbeach.gov) under the "marina forms" section. For additional information you can either contact your marina office or the Billing and Collections Department at (562) 570-7600.

**SPING LINES:** It has been proven that adding spring lines to your vessel helps to keep them safely in the slip.

**DOCK CARTS:** Dock carts are a continued concern. They are expensive and need to be used for their intended purpose. IN addition, they are for our recreational boaters, not commercial operators. Please be considerate of others and return the carts to the head of the gangway (inside the gates at Shoreline and near the headwalk in Alamitos Bay) after using them and finally, if you see a dock cart begin used by non-boaters, please call the marina office with a description of the person using it and the direction of travel.

**MARINE BUREAU IS ON FACEBOOK:** Did you know the Long Beach Marinas has a Facebook page? This has allowed us to join the social media circle and promote our many waterfront assets. Check it out and let us know what you think.

**UPDATED INFORMATION:** THANK YOU to everyone who has completed the permittee information form. This may seem tedious to many but really, it is very helpful and ensures we have up to date information in your file. Also, we are using email as an additional form of communication and updating your file has allowed us to add email addresses to those file that did not previously have one on file.

**PARKING PASSES:** Effective January 1st the 2018 parking passes (Teal in Long Beach Shoreline and Rose in Alamitos Bay) will be the only authorized parking passes. Vehicles with 2017 passes will be subject to a citation. If you have not had a chance to stop by the office to pick up your 2018 passes the office is open Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Any vehicle parked overnight or in the restricted parking must display a valid parking pass.

**JANUARY 1:** All Marina Offices will be closed.

## US Power Squadrons Course Marine Electrical Systems

US Power Squadrons is offering a nine week course on Marine Electrical Systems starting Wednesday, January 10 - March 7 from 7-9PM at the Shoreline Yacht Club, 286 Shoreline Drive South.

The Marine Electrical Systems course is presented in seven chapters that start with an explanation of what electricity is followed by discussions on boat electrical wiring, DC and AC electrical systems, galvanic and stray current corrosion, lightning protection and ends with trouble shooting of boat electrical problems.

The course includes detailed instruction on how to use a multimeter, how to solder and crimp electrical wiring circuits, and how to read electrical wiring diagrams.

This course can be used as a reference guide for anyone interested in properly maintaining their boat electrical systems.

The class cost is \$95 and class size is limited. Early registration is suggested. For reservations and information email: [Marionseaman1@aol.com](mailto:Marionseaman1@aol.com) or call 310.632.4748.

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