Hello Everyone,

It is with great pleasure, that I get to announce that we, the employees of the Long Beach Marinas are in the process of rolling out a new “marina” software program which brings us into the current century (the last time we upgraded the system was in 1980).

The new system takes advantage of available technology with the intent of making things easier for our customers. Once the system is fully in place as customers you will be able to login to your account and update account information, pay on-line, sign up for paperless billing, view your payment history, outstanding balances and invoices, and more. No more driving to City Hall to pay your bills.

After implementation, all payments can be made at any one of our offices. No more separate bills for those of you who currently have multiple accounts because you rent more than one slip and/or both a wet and dry slip, sand stake, etc.

And once we get through the legal and network restrictions, we are hoping to introduce e-signature contracts and document uploading. Which means all customers can upload in addition to emailing all the required documentation, making it easier for everyone.

For those of you that are curious, after researching and reviewing marina reservation software, we chose Marina Office by Scribble Software, feel free to check out their on-line videos.

Implementation will begin in March 2018 for Alamitos Bay Marina customers, with hopes of having everyone at ABM on-line by end of April, and LB Shoreline Marina and Rainbow Marina customers on line by end of May.

We ask for your patience and understanding as we troubleshoot unexpected challenges along the way.

Elvira
Manager, Marinas and Beaches

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Feb 9-March 30
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Valentine’s Day

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Fred Hall Fishing Show

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Alamitos Bay Office (562) 570-3215
Rainbow Harbor Office (562) 570-8636
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After office hours (562) 570-3101

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Rules and Regulations

Liveaboards at Our Marinas

Rules and Regulations

We have had quite a few “tips” called into our offices referencing illegal liveaboards. As a reminder, once it is brought to our attention that we may have an illegal liveboard we aggressively take action. Below are the rules and regulations as they pertain to your vessel being a place of abode.

I. Vessels as Place of Abode:

All persons desiring to live aboard vessels berthed or moored within the water areas of the City of Long Beach (excluding the water areas within the Harbor District) shall obtain a live aboard permit from the Manager. A Person shall be deemed to be living aboard a vessel if he or she occupies the vessel and engages in those usual and customary activities associated with a person’s residence abode, such as sleeping, preparation of meals, etc., for any period in excess of twelve (12) days in a calendar month. The Manager may require valid proof of residency if there is a suspicion of illegal live aboard activity. The Manager may cancel any permit issued by the Marine Bureau if any person lives aboard a vessel without obtaining a permit therefore. Such permits shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

1. Live aboard status will only be granted if the Permittee lives aboard. All other occupants must register to live aboard.
2. Within the water areas within the limits of the City of Long Beach (excluding the Harbor District), the number of live aboard permits for each gangway shall be determined by the Manager.
3. The Permittee must be able to provide his or her own source of energy for cooking, space heating, refrigeration and lighting.
4. The overall length of the vessel for which permission to live aboard is sought must be over thirty (30) feet.
5. Regardless of the length of occupancy, no person living aboard a vessel shall use the toilet facilities aboard such vessel, unless the vessel has an approved holding tank. The Manager may order that Permittees, granted live aboard privileges, to seal the toilet facilities and place dye tablets in holding tanks and/or to contract with a mobile pumpout service.
6. The Manager or his or her designee shall have the right to make periodic inspections of the vessel to determine compliance with these conditions and the seaworthiness and sanitary conditions of the vessel. By reserving the right to make inspections, the City does not assume, nor shall that right be construed to impose, any liability for claims for damages to persons or property resulting from a failure to make any such inspections. In addition, should the City identify vessel repairs or other measures necessary to maintain the health and safety of the marina, the Permittee shall have ninety (90) days to correct. Failure or refusal to do so shall constitute grounds for permit cancellation.
7. Any Permittee granted permission to use a vessel as a place of abode, and is subsequently granted leave of absence status (as defined in Sections J and/or K) shall be placed at the top of the live aboard waiting list when they request to return.
8. The prohibition against living aboard a vessel except pursuant to a permit issued by the Manager shall not apply to privately owned and operated marinas unless such marinas are situated upon granted tidal or submerged lands.
9. Persons granted live aboard status must utilize the privilege throughout the year. If not so used, the privilege may be revoked by the Manager.
10. Live aboard status will be granted only to a current Permittee. No person or animal is allowed to live aboard unless the Permittee is also living aboard the vessel under a valid live aboard permit.
11. Live aboard status is granted only for the slip assigned to the Permittee at the time of the grant. Live aboard status will not be transferred to another slip location unless approved by the Manager. Prior to transferring to another slip location or marina the Permittee shall be required to provide proof of residency, such proof shall include but not be limited to a copy of a rental agreement, property deed and utility bill. Post office boxes shall not be acceptable proof of residence outside the vessel.

Shoreline Yacht Club
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562 435-4093
For 30 years the Shoreline Pedestrian Bike Path has activated Long Beach’s ocean beach and provided a scenic trail for local cyclists, skates, joggers and pedestrians.

The 4.5-mile path was initiated by citizens who wanted to link the 29.1 Los Angeles River Bikeway and the 28-mile San Gabriel River Bike Trail to form a 57.1-mile loop. The path is 17 feet wide, with two 6-foot-wide bike lanes and a 5-foot-wide pedestrian lanes that run from the tip of the breakwater opposite Island Grissom at the Long Beach Shoreline Marina to Long Beach’s Belmont Shore neighborhood at 54th Place.

The path opened 30 years ago on January 9, 1988. Dedication day was celebrated with a parade, jazz bands from Wilson and Poly high schools, a 10 K Fun Run, bicycle rodeo and bicycle registration, food booth and games, free swim passes to Belmont Plaza Pool and a day-time fireworks display.

Efforts to encourage the City to build a bike path date back to the 1970s, and California Coastal Commission funds for the path were available in 1980, but it wasn’t until in 1985 that a determined bike path committee formed and was able to gather thousands of signatures to persuade the City to earmark $1.5 million in funds from the capital improvement budget and seek matching resources from a Los Angeles County Transportation Commission grant.

Committee members like Donna and Bill Holtz, and Dr. Matthew Sloan were avid bikers who wanted a safe, scenic route away from traffic to get across the city. They also were interested in a path that could link two regional bike paths, the San Gabriel River and Los Angeles River paths.

A path spanning the ocean beach would not only be beautiful, but would activate a beach that was very under utilized. Some residents felt that the path would “ruin the quiet ambience of the beach,” pose a hazard for people “trying to reach the water” or that the “wrong element” may be attracted to the area including burglars that could use the path as a getaway route after robbing nearby homes.

After hearing and evaluating these comments, the City gave to go ahead to the committee to start planning. The committee held meetings with City engineers, looked at the designs of other beach bike paths in the state, how to accommodate pedestrians, and how it would pass through the Belmont Shore Pier. The engineering firm of Moffatt and Nichol assisted the group.

The Shoreline Pedestrian Bike Path was a success beyond anyone’s expectations. Thousands of cyclists, joggers and walkers transverse the path every day. An “Eco Counter” installed on the beach has logged over 1 million visitors from December 2016 to December 11, 2017. The counter distinguishes between bicyclists and pedestrians walking and helps to project ridership and activity in specific areas. Almost every weekend organized runs and walks raise money for charity.

The Bike Path committee members still take pride in their work that led to this great recreational resource for all Long Beach residents. In 2013 the California Coastal Commission the approved a second path for pedestrians to run parallel to the path used primarily by bicyclists. The 11-foot wide Beach Pedestrian Path opened on May 30, 2015.

In January 1988, the scenic 4.5 mile Shoreline Pedestrian Bike Path opened along the beach stretching from the breakwater at Shoreline Marina to 54th Place in Belmont Shore.

In 2017 over a million cyclists, walkers and runners used the Shoreline Bike Path. The pedestrian path pictured on the right, opened in May 2015.
The 71st annual Fred Hall Long Beach Show will be taking place March 7-11, 2018, at the Long Beach Convention Center. The Fred Hall Show is the world’s largest sportfishing show, California’s largest boat show and an international leader in hunting and fishing travel.

Virtually all forms of outdoor recreation are represented at this enormous event, featuring: more fishing tackle manufacturer displays than any other show anywhere, California’s largest marine accessories display, hundreds of fishing tackle booths, hundreds of international fishing and hunting travel booths, acres of boats, casting ponds, Hobie Kayak demonstration rides, hunter and angler specific vehicles, free dive and SCUBA diving equipment and instruction, air gun ranges, archery ranges, over 400 seminars and a full day’s worth of family fun activities.

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 or (562) 493-3479.
“It is Valentine’s Day every day at the Gondola Getaway”

Of course though, Valentine’s Day is certainly a special time at Long Beach’s own Gondola Getaway!

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Spoil your loved one with a one-of-a-kind Valentine’s Day at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Arrive early and enjoy beverages with a harbor view at the Veranda cash bar. It will be a memorable evening showcasing a unique culinary experience, a romantic setting surrounded by marine life, and stellar ambiance.

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