

# Marina Reader

## Long Beach Marinas

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

## From the Manager

Winter over the water, unlike our counterparts on the east coast who battle hurricanes or boaters in Northern California experiencing the blustery squalls of the Pacific Northwest, the arrival of winter storms in Southern California is celebrated for filling our reservoirs. The events related to the January storms reminded me that, no matter how often we use our boats over the winter having good dock lines is essential.

Scooting down to the dock, while skies darken with the impending storm and the wind picking up, to throw on one or two more dock lines from the pile kept in the dock box isn't the most effective way to keep our vessels safe. In a study conducted by Practical Sailor, they found that old dock lines lost up to 75% of their strength over time due to UV damage, chaffing and wear.

In addition to maintaining your vessel, your tender is just as important. It is necessary to do a routine safety check to ensure your tender does not have any water in it and the lines are in good shape.

Debates over three-strand vs double-strand and nylon vs polypropylene can be found on the Internet. In my opinion, a set of new dock lines each winter will help your boat ride out storms smoothly and give you peace of mind as you ride out the storm from the comfort of your home.

Extra eyes are always appreciated. If you see a vessel in the marina that appears to be listing or has an alarm sounding please call the marina office immediately. We will reach out to lifeguards as well as the owner to ensure everything is okay.



*Beach Maintenance shores up damage from recent January storm systems. Crews constantly monitor our beaches and storm drains to protect the local coastline.*

Meanwhile, Beach Maintenance crews will be keeping a watchful eye on the deflecting booms along the LA River, and storm debris movement along our coasts. During a storm maintenance crews work towards minimizing the debris that enters our harbors. With more rains predicted this winter, rest easy knowing that staff is prepared to protect our waterways.

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# Tide Chart

## February 2018

Date	Low Tide				High Tide			
	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1 F	12:44	2.1	2:11	-0.6	6:56	5.4	8:43	3.6
2 Sa	1:23	2.0	2:43	-0.7	7:32	5.5	9:11	3.7
3 Su	1:57	1.9	3:12	-0.7	8:05	5.5	9:36	3.7
4 M	2:29	1.8	3:39	-0.6	8:36	5.5	10:02	3.8
5 Tu	3:01	1.7	4:06	-0.5	9:06	5.4	10:27	3.8
6 W	3:33	1.7	4:33	-0.3	9:36	5.2	10:55	3.9
7 Th	4:07	1.7	4:59	0.0	10:07	4.9	11:23	3.9
8 F	4:46	1.7	5:26	0.3	10:40	4.5	11:54	3.9
9 Sa	5:31	1.8	5:53	0.7	11:17	4.0	--	--
10 Su	6:29	1.8	6:22	1.1	12:29	4.0	12:03	3.4
11 M	7:49	1.7	6:58	1.6	1:11	4.1	1:14	2.9
12 Tu	9:32	1.4	7:52	2.0	2:03	4.2	3:24	2.5
13 W	11:01	0.8	9:21	2.3	3:08	4.4	5:37	2.6
14 Th	--	--	12:01	0.1	4:16	4.8	6:44	3.0
			10:49	2.3				
15 F	--	--	12:49	-0.5	5:17	5.3	7:26	3.4
			11:55	2.0				
16 Sa	--	--	1:31	-1.1	6:11	5.8	8:02	3.7
17 Su	12:50	1.7	2:12	-1.5	7:02	6.2	8:37	4.0
18 M	1:40	1.3	2:51	-1.6	7:50	6.5	9:13	4.3
19 Tu	2:28	1.0	3:30	-1.6	8:37	6.5	9:49	4.6
20 W	3:17	0.7	4:08	-1.3	9:23	6.3	10:27	4.8
21 Th	4:07	0.6	4:46	-0.8	10:11	5.8	11:07	4.9
22 F	5:00	0.6	5:25	-0.2	11:00	5.1	11:49	4.9
23 Sa	6:00	0.7	6:04	0.5	11:56	4.2	--	--
24 Su	7:10	0.8	6:47	1.2	12:35	4.8	1:04	3.4
25 M	8:38	0.9	7:41	1.9	1:29	4.6	2:45	2.9
26 Tu	10:16	0.7	9:07	2.3	2:35	4.5	5:02	2.8
27 W	11:36	0.3	10:48	2.5	3:51	4.4	6:35	3.1
28 Th	--	--	12:32	0.0	5:02	4.5	7:22	3.4
			11:58	2.3				

# Upcoming Events

**Valentine's Day**  
February 14

**Gondola Getaways Valentine's Week**  
Feb. 13-17  
For info: [GondolaGetawayInc.com](http://GondolaGetawayInc.com)

**Treat Your Valentine Like A VIP, Aquarium of The Pacific**  
Thursday, February 14  
For info: [www.aquariumofpacific.org/events/info/valentines\\_day](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/events/info/valentines_day)

**Presidents Day**  
Monday, February 18

**Fred Hall Show**  
March 6-10  
For Info: [www.fredhall.com](http://www.fredhall.com)

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<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

# Long Beach Loves Valentine's Day

## Aquarium of The Pacific Treat your Valentine like a VIP

Arrive early and enjoy beverages from the cash bar with a harbor view on the rooftop at the Veranda followed by dinner in the Great Hall. It will be a memorable evening showcasing a unique culinary experience in a romantic setting surrounded by marine life and the stellar ambiance of the Aquarium at night.

Upgrade to VIP seating in one of our galleries where you can get up close to one of our exhibits for \$20 more per person. Limited quantities available.



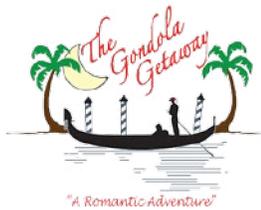
*The Aquarium of The Pacific offers a romantic dinner experience surrounded by marine life for Valentine's Day.*

This romantic evening event takes place on Thursday, February 14 from 7:30-9:30 PM.

The Veranda cash bar opens at 6:30 PM. Pricing for Adults: \$89, Members: \$79, VIP Adult: \$109 and VIP Member: \$99. To purchase tickets, visit [www.aquariumofpacific.org/events/info/valentines\\_day](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/events/info/valentines_day).

## Gondola Getaways

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



Gondolas have been cruising the enchanting canals of Naples in Alamitos Bay for over 36 years. They offer everything from romantic cruises for two, to fleet cruises for up to 62! The standard gondolas can seat 2 to 6 passengers and the large gondolas can seat up to 14. Gondola Getaway was voted "The most unique authentic experience in Los Angeles." Whether it be a Classic "So-Cal" summer, the Charles Dickens like scene in the canals of Naples during the holidays, the quiet winter nights or the romantic Valentine's week, we have a gondolier ready to take you on an epic adventure through the enchanting Naples Canals in Alamitos Bay.

Wednesday, February 13th–Sunday, February 17th, Gondola Getaway celebrates Valentine's week in a big way. They have long stem roses and a complimentary framed photo to make your cruise complete. This is the Coup de gras so to speak, so come down and enjoy the "specials" and remember, this unique experience is available year round and guarantees a night to remember. To Book a cruise or for additional information you can call (562) 433-9595, or visit: [GondolaGetawayInc.com](http://GondolaGetawayInc.com) for additional information.

## Give A Little Love



Long Beach Animal Care Services has cats, dogs and other animals available for adoption at its adoption counter located at 7700 E. Spring St. Long Beach. These animals would like to find a loving home.

If you are interested in adopting, please visit the adoptions counter on the day the animal is legally available. We recommend arriving at 10 AM as some animals are particularly popular. Please note that you will be required to fill out an application and be approved for adoption. Adoption fees vary, please inquire at the adoption counter for prices.





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## Safety First Cold Water Boating

While California generally experiences mild winters, when storm clouds roll in, many waterways become dangerous for boating enthusiasts. Boat owners and are advised to be storm ready throughout winter and spring.



Cold-water immersion is the cause of many boating-related fatalities. The danger increases as water temperature decreases below normal body temperature (98.6°F). Survival time is greatly diminished for someone immersed in water below 70°F. Warm

air temperatures can create a false sense of security for boaters and beach goers.

### Cold Water Boating Safety Tips

- Make sure everyone is wearing a life jacket. Even experienced swimmers will experience cold-water shock within one minute in frigid water and lose muscle control within 10 minutes.
- File a float plan with someone trusted that includes details about the trip, launch area, marina, boat, passengers, towing or trailer vehicle, communication equipment, and emergency contacts. Download a free float plan template at floatplancentral.org.
- Dress properly for the weather, always wearing layers, and bring an extra set of clothes.
- Remember, dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature.
- Do control breathing, don't gasp. A sudden unexpected fall into cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex. It takes less than ½ cup of water in a person's lungs to drown. When someone remains calm, they have a greater chance of self-rescue.
- Don't panic if fallen into the water. Stay afloat with the help of a life jacket, regain control of breathing, and keep head above water in view of rescuers. If possible, remove heavy boots if in the water. Look for ways to increase buoyancy. If in the water with others, huddle together with everyone facing inwards to help everyone stay afloat and keep warm.
- Don't apply heat to extremities like arms and legs of a rescued victim. This sudden change in temperature could cause cardiac arrest.

### Cold water immersion



Cold shock response: gasp reflex in response to rapid skin cooling



Loss of muscle control, inability to swim



Hypothermia

## Calling All Marine Sports Enthusiasts Fred Hall Fishing Show

The 73rd annual Fred Hall Long Beach Show will be taking place March 6-10, 2019, 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.

There is nothing like the Fred Hall Long Beach show. Mark your calendars now for the 2019 Fred Hall show, March 6-10, 2019, you don't want to miss it. For additional information visit: [www.fredhall.com](http://www.fredhall.com).

## Are You Up To Date? Display Your New Parking Pass

Remember to Display your 2019 Parking Passes.

2019 Parking Passes are now in effect, vehicles displaying 2018 are subject to citation. Also, parking passes are now accepted at either marina, unfortunately this privilege is not in effect on holidays or during special events.

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## New Faces, New Places Welcome and Congratulations



*Eric Woodson, new Superintendent of Marine Maintenance.*

We would like to welcome Eric Woodson to the Marine Bureau as the new Superintendent of Marine Maintenance. He will be responsible for maintaining the docks, freestanding restrooms and buildings in the City's three marinas, as well as the Belmont Pier and other structures in the Tidelands areas.

Eric has worked for the City of Long Beach for 21 years. He comes to us from the Harbor Department where he served as Maintenance Planner, overseeing the Facilities Section and scheduling all maintenance.

When not working, Eric enjoys mentoring inner-city youth and cooking for family and friends.



*Chris King has been promoted to General Maintenance Supervisor.*

Congratulations to Chris King on his recent promotion to General Maintenance Supervisor.

Chris began his career with the City of Long Beach 10 years ago at the Harbor Department where he worked as an Equipment Operator/Harbor Mechanic. Chris transferred to the Marine Bureau to expand his knowledge and gain opportunities. He brings a wealth of expertise and more important, a "can-do/will-do" attitude to our team.

Away from the job Chris enjoys spending time with his family and friends and his top get-a-way places are the desert and the river.

## Safety Notice And Date Change Marine Research Project

### **Date Change due to Conditions: Now Sat, Jan 12, 2019**

In collaboration with marine biologists at the University of Southern California, Wrigley Institute, Marine BioEnergy, Inc. is conducting biomass research from January 2019 - 2020.

Marine BioEnergy, Inc. will be installing one research buoy near Two Harbors, Catalina Island, California. The location is about 1.2 miles from Lion's Head and 0.4 miles from Ship Rock.

Buoy location: 33°28'12.78"N, 118°29'33.30"W

Deployment: Saturday, January 12, 2019, 7 AM to 4:00 PM  
(Date on prior Notice was Thu, Jan 10, 2019)

Mariners are urged to transit at their slowest safe speed to minimize wake, and proceed with caution after passing arrangements have been made.

As required by our permit from the CA Coastal Commission, all equipment will be retrieved at the end of the project. For further information on deployment, contact Cindy Wilcox 818.952.6018 or 818.653.9017, cindy.wilcox@marinebiomass.com. For general project information: www.marinebiomass.com.

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## BOA Benefit, Free Class! California Boater Card Class

As an educational benefit for our membership, your Long Beach Marina Boat Owner Association (BOA), with cooperation from the Seal Beach Yacht Club and USCGAUX Flot 05-12, will be offering a FREE About Boating Safely class for members. This course will qualify attendees to earn a certificate that will qualify for obtaining the California Boater Card. This card is now required for boaters up to 25 years old and by 2025 will be required for all boaters.

The class will be limited to 40 boaters. Non-BOA boaters can join BOA at the first class.

A postcard will soon be sent to all Long Beach Marina slip renters giving all details. Look for it!

Don't miss this opportunity to easily qualify for the state mandated California Boater Card.



FREE about boating safely class

## Design Improvement Grant \$300,00 For Davies Launch Ramp

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine has received a \$300,000 Facility Planning Grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) to design improvements for Davies Launch Ramp. The Davies Launch Ramp is located below the Davies Bridge at the cross street of Second Street and Marina Drive near Pacific Coast Highway and Second Street.



Grant improvements include replacing the launch ramp, parking lot improvements and more.

DBAW supports the operation and maintenance of publicly owned boat launching facilities. The grant will pay to complete designs, permits and establish an engineer's estimate of probable costs for future improvements that include replacing the existing seven-lane concrete v-grooved boat launch ramp with one that meets current design standards. The concrete apron and slip protection would be replaced as needed, and the pile-guided dock and gangway used by trailer-able vessels would be replaced. The plan will also estimate costs for building a new restroom, overlaying and restriping the parking lot, replacing the boat wash station, waste enclosures, lighting, installing a fish cleaning station and additional signage.

"Long Beach operates the largest municipally owned marina system in the United States," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "The City is committed to providing the region with quality aquatics experiences. In April, we re-opened the Alamitos Bay Marina after a 105-million-dollar complete upgrade. We are excited about this opportunity to plan an upgrade to Davies Launch Ramp to continue to enhance our aquatic infrastructure."

"Our marina system is one of the great aspects of living in Long Beach," said Councilwoman Suzie Price. "DBAW's planning grant for the Davies Launch Ramp renovation supports the City's goal to provide affordable coastal access to residents and visitors."

The completed plan will put the City in position to act when construction funding is identified for the project.

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