



Marina Reader

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine

FROM THE MANAGER

By Elvira Halinan
Interim Manager of Marinas and Beaches

Vacancies, Vacancies, Vacancies!

For the first time in many years, vacancies exist in each of the Long Beach Marinas with dwindling corresponding waiting lists. Just what are we going to do about it, has been a topic of discussion at the Marine Advisory Commission meetings over several months.

You may recall that during the spring and summer of 2013, an ad appeared in a popular trade magazine. Unfortunately, this did not result in the response we were hoping for; therefore we are attempting to lure boaters through advertising in the Orange County Register.

The OC Register publishes a weekly insert entitled "On The Water." This insert is carried in the Sports Section of the Seal Beach, Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, Huntington Beach, Dana Point, Costa Mesa and Newport versions of the OC Register. It features

a main article on boating in southern California along with various marine related ads. Past feature article topics include local fishing and lifestyle, holiday fleet events, and boat shows.

I will be working with the Long Beach OC Register advertising manager to obtain similar ad space. We are also working out the details of a couple other marketing strategies and as soon as the details are worked out, I will share the plans.

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If anyone is wondering, about the status of the recruitment for the Marine Bureau Manager, the City is working on producing a job bulletin/pamphlet and obtaining a management firm to identify the top candidates once resumes are submitted. It came to my attention that the City has not recruited for this position in over 25 years! We are hoping to have a permanent appointment in the spring.

However, should you have any concerns or would like to discuss marina policies, feel free to contact the Alamitos Bay office. I would be glad to meet with you.

Boaters Can Expect More Auctions

The boat auction was a great success. All the boats were sold and are in the hands of their new owners. The auction attracted over 100 people with their own boating dreams in mind.

The inventory included everything from kayaks, inflatables, and windsurf boards to power and sailboats ranging from 20' to 37' in length. The goal is to have 2 - 3 auctions per year however, that is based on the number of boats accumulated.

For future auction notifications, please sign up for e-notify on the City of Long Beach web site. To subscribe for e-notify visit www.longbeach.gov and click on the "e-notify" tab or visit: www.longbeach.gov/park/marine/boat_auction/asp.

Once an auction date is set an email notification will be sent to all subscribers with details.



Hopeful future boat owners bid on a large range of vessels and marine related items on Saturday, Jan. 11 at Alamitos Bay.

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TIDE CHART

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

February 2014

		LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
		AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1. Sa	3:40	0.8	4:27	-1.1	9:47	6.3	10:49	5.1	
2. Su	4:33	0.8	5:07	-0.6	10:35	5.6	11:32	5.1	
3. Mo	5:30	0.9	5:48	0.1	11:26	4.8	--	--	
4. Tu	6:36	1.1	6:31	0.8	12:19	5.1	12:26	4.0	
5. W	7:57	1.2	7:20	1.5	1:11	4.9	1:45	3.3	
6. Th	9:35	1.1	8:27	2.0	2:13	4.8	3:42	2.9	
7. F	11:05	0.8	9:54	2.3	3:23	4.8	5:38	3.0	
8. Sa	12:08	0.4	11:11	2.3	4:32	4.8	6:47	3.2	
9. Su	--	--	12:53	0.1	5:30	5.0	7:28	3.5	
10. Mo	12:07	2.2	1:29	-0.2	6:16	5.2	7:58	3.7	
11. Tu	12:49	2.0	1:58	-0.3	6:54	5.4	8:23	3.9	
12. W	1:24	1.8	2:25	-0.4	7:28	5.5	8:46	4.0	
13. Th	1:56	1.6	2:50	-0.4	8:00	5.5	9:08	4.2	
14. F	2:28	1.4	3:14	-0.4	8:30	5.5	9:32	4.3	
15. Sa	3:00	1.2	3:38	-0.2	9:01	5.4	9:56	4.4	
16. Su	3:33	1.1	4:03	0.0	9:33	5.1	10:22	4.5	
17. Mo	4:09	1.1	4:28	0.3	10:06	4.8	10:49	4.6	
18. Tu	4:50	1.1	4:53	0.6	10:43	4.3	11:20	4.6	
19. W	5:38	1.2	5:21	1.1	11:26	3.8	11:57	4.6	
20. Th	6:40	1.2	5:54	1.5	--	--	12:24	3.2	
21. F	8:05	1.2	6:40	1.9	12:46	4.6	1:58	2.8	
22. Sa	9:43	0.9	8:04	2.3	1:52	4.7	4:12	2.7	
23. Su	11:01	0.3	9:53	2.3	3:13	4.9	5:42	3.1	
24. Mo	11:58	-0.3	11:15	2.0	4:30	5.2	6:32	3.5	
25. Tu	--	--	12:44	-0.8	5:34	5.6	7:11	4.0	
26. W	12:17	1.5	1:26	-1.1	6:29	6.0	7:47	4.4	
27. Th	1:09	1.0	2:05	-1.3	7:19	6.3	8:22	4.9	
28. F	1:58	0.6	2:43	-1.2	8:06	6.3	8:57	5.2	

Queen Mary Scotsfest 2014
 February 15, 2014 - February 16, 2014
 1126 Queens Hwy., LB 90802
 For information: queenmary.com

10th Annual Belmont Shore Chocolate Festival
 Saturday, February 8
 1 - 4 p.m.
 For Information:
belmontshore.org/events

Rainbow Harbor Mardi Gras Parade
 Saturday, March 1
 Festivities begin at noon
 Parade starts at 3 p.m. from
 Aquarium of the Pacific
 Parade set-up and staging at 2 p.m.
 For Information: lbmardigras.com

Fred Hall Fishing Show
 March 5-9
 See page 3 for more information

Daylight Savings Time - Spring forward
 Sunday, March 9



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kimarie.vestre@longbeach.gov



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Long Beach Police
 Marine Patrol Emergency 911
 or 9911 (Dock Phone)

Rainbow Harbor Office
 562.570.8636

Non Emergency
 562.435.6711

Maintenance during
 working hours
 562.570.1582

Shoreline Office
 562.570.4950

After office hours
 562.570.3101

Alamitos Bay Office
 562.570.3215

CLASSES, SHOWS AND SEMINARS

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SAFE BOATING

Begins Thursday, January 23 (It's not too late to join)

11 Weeks

7 - 9 p.m.

Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

11600 Los Alamitos Blvd.

Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Cost: \$40

Instructor: Doug Conwell

For additional information contact: conwell4@gmail.com or

(562) 431-0326

WEATHER COURSE

Begins Thursday, February 13

11 Weeks

7 - 9 p.m.

Seal Beach Yacht Club

255 Marina Drive

Long Beach, CA 90803

For additional information contact:

EducationalOfficer@AlamitosPowerSquadron.org

SEAMANSHIP COURSE

Begins Wednesday, March 26th

9 Weeks

7 - 9 p.m.

Long Beach Shoreline Yacht Club

386 Shoreline Drive

Long Beach, CA 90802

For additional information contact:

EducationalOfficer@AlamitosPowerSquadron.org

SAILING INSTRUCTION SERIES

Saturdays: 3/1, 4/5, 5/10, 6/7

9 a.m. - Noon

Seal Beach Yacht Club

255 Marina Drive

Long Beach, CA 90803

Course includes: Boat Handling and Docking, Safety at Sea, Anchoring, Nuts and Bolts of Navigation.

Classroom and OTW Instruction

Cost: Free

For additional information contact: Ray at (310) 600-3013

FRED HALL FISHING SHOW

March 5 - 9

Show Times Vary

Long Beach Convention Center

300 E. Ocean Boulevard

Long Beach, CA 90802

Adults: \$15

Children (15 years old and younger with paid adult): Free

Seniors (62 years and older): \$14

Active Military (with valid I.D.): Free

The Fred Hall Long Beach Show at the Long Beach Convention Center and Arena is the premier outdoor recreation show featuring the largest selection of the nation's leading equipment manufacturers. Gigantic crowds of passionate outdoor enthusiasts make this show their annual celebration of the great outdoors and the kickoff of the new season. Fishing tackle, boats, marine accessories, diving, shooting and hunting products and camping gear combine with hundreds of resorts, landings, lodges and outfitters that are ready to book your next outdoor adventure. There is nothing like the Fred Hall Long Beach show. Mark your calendars now for the 2014 Fred Hall show, you don't want to miss it.

For additional information visit: www.fredhall.com.

BE IN THE MARINA READER!

The Marina Reader remains a useful tool and resource for Long Beach boaters and has taken on a new look and flow. We want to know what you think of the New Marina reader and what is most important to you.

Your boat can be in the Marina Reader! If you have an incredible story about your boat, or know someone that does please contact Clara at maria.cordeiro@longbeach.gov to learn more about this great opportunity.

MESSAGE FROM THE LBMBOA

By now all you slip renters should have received a letter from the Long Beach Marina Boat Owners Association soliciting an annual contribution. The response has been quite heartening, and we want to thank all of you who have contributed to the cause.

For those of you who haven't sent in your donation yet, please consider doing so, as the LBMBOA continues to represent you slip renters with all matters pertaining to the well being of the Long Beach Marinas.

To provide successful representation of all Long Beach marina boat owners, BOA is in constant close contact with the Marine Bureau, Marine Maintenance, our City Council Representatives, the City Auditor's office, the Port of Long Beach, the Los Angeles County Tax Assessors office, Marine Patrol, and the City of Long Beach Marine Advisory Commission.

In addition, the BOA worked closely with the Marine Advisory Commission to prevent the City from passing the cost of the fuel docks retrofit to the boat owners by raising the slip fees. In prior years they worked with the Marine Advisory Commission to impose a 3-year moratorium on slip fee increases, and continue to work to minimize slip fee increases in the future.

BOA assisted the Marine Bureau in getting the approval of the Coastal Commission for the Alamitos Bay Marina Rebuild. BOA worked with the Tax Assessors office in

changing the way the possessory tax is calculated to make it as reasonable as possible.

The Gangway Gazette is now online at www.lbmboagg.org, which allows us to give you the latest news regarding the marinas as it happens. If you have news items about things happening in the marinas please send your article to one of our board members listed below.

Be sure to include your name and address and we will publish your article in the Gazette. We are also working with our advertisers to give discounts to BOA dues paying members. One of the benefits of BOA membership is a discount on your Boat US membership fees.

The officers and board members of the LBMBOA are boat owners and represent both the Alamitos Bay and Shoreline marinas. Please feel free to contact them with your comments, questions, issues of interest, and complaints and they will do their best to bring your issues to the appropriate person or persons within the Marine Bureau.

While we may not always be able to resolve an issue to your satisfaction, we can at least make sure that your issues are heard and that you receive a response. Additionally, the BOA is always looking for interested boaters willing to serve as board members, officers, and on committees to improve the overall contribution that our organization makes to the Long Beach Marinas. If you are interested in helping us, please contact Tom

Mayes at tom.mayes@lbmboa.org. The following is contact information for the current officers and board members:



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Celebrate Valentines on the Water

Gondola Getaway is offering special packages Feb. 10-14 including a rose, chocolate strawberries, a keepsake photo and a cruise through the canals of Naples. Prices start at \$120 per couple. Call (562) 433-9595 or visit www.gondo.net

The Seaport Marina Valentine's Day Experience also runs Feb. 10-14. Their packages start at \$188.48 per couple and combine hotel accommodations with the Gondola Getaway trips. For reservations, call (562) 240-8469.

Celebrate Valentine's Day in a different way with a Night Walk from 7 to 9 p.m. at The El Dorado Nature Center, 7550 E. Spring St. It's \$5 per person and reservations are required. Call (562) 570-1745.

The Queen Mary is presenting a Valentine's Day Red Hot Singles Mix and Mingle from 8 p.m. to midnight complete with live music, dancing and a sweet treat candy station. Tickets are \$19.95 per person and include parking. The Queen Mary is at 1126 Queens Highway.

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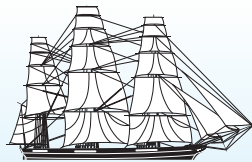
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UPDATES FOR MARINA CUSTOMERS

As your boater lobbying organization in Sacramento, Recreational Boaters of California [RBOC] has been quite busy this year, lobbying these issues, testifying in hearings, and negotiating in meetings, all to ensure that the outcomes will protect and enhance your club members and your club. The key 2013 boater issues:

July 1 Merger of Department of Boating and Waterways [DBW] into State Parks – we are engaged with the state Parks Department to assure ongoing accountability that boater-generated funds are being used for boating related purposes.

AB 425 [Atkins] – DPR Evaluation of Copper-based Anti-fouling Paint – we continue to advocate for sound science rather than bans that do not ensure there are alternatives that are effective, available and affordable.

AB 763 [Buchanan] – Division of Boating & Waterways Efforts to Combat Aquatic Invasive Plants – we have lobbied in support of this bill to provide clear authority for the state to take action more rapidly to address new threats.

SB 427 [Monning] – Extension of Requirements to Wear PFDs Aboard Vessels – we supported this update and worked out revisions to make sure the requirements are reasonable and will work out on the water.

SB 457 [Monning] – Submission of Vessel Accident Reports to State – we have supported this bill aimed at obtaining useful data on accidents to help support informed policy decisions to enhance safety.

SB 122 [Lieu] – Continuation of Surrendered Vessel Program – we have lobbied in support of this bill to make this effective program permanent.

Bay Delta Conservation Plan – Impacts on Recreational Boating in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta – we are engaged to prevent negative impacts the plan would have on Delta boating opportunities.

SB 436 [Jackson] – Loan or Grant of Boater Funds to City of Hueneme – we obtained revisions to ensure new statutory authority was not enacted to open up boater funds for non-boating purposes.

AB 865 [Eggman] – Revisions to Yacht and Ship Brokers Act – we made sure the legislation would not negatively impact the yacht purchases and the statutory protections currently in place.

Vessel Registration Fees – we have been able to keep the fee increase to \$8 rather than \$10 to fight quagga and zebra mussel infestations.

A contribution from the Marina Customers would be greatly appreciated and very helpful to our efforts. A contribution which will enable RBOC, as your statewide lobbying organization to meet our financial obligations. The support of your members is important today as RBOC is engaged in several legislative and regulatory issues.

Please feel free to contact the RBOC Director assigned to your Club for more information: Eric Peterson – Director (Long Beach & San Pedro Region) thepetersons_crib@msn.com

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