

Marina Reader

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine

FROM THE DIRECTOR



By Elvira Hallinan
Manager of Marinas and Beaches

Wow! Summer weather in January, hope you had time for a little cruising. Great start to a new year.

The construction of Docks 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Basin 2 is on schedule.

By the time you read this, pile driving should be complete for future Docks 6 and 7; estimated completion date for the remaining portion is mid-February. Floats have been arriving since mid-December from Dixon, California. Once in the water, floats are assembled at Gangway #34 into long main walk dock sections. After the piles are in place these sections will be floated across the channel to Basin 2 for final assembly and installation, completion is scheduled for June 2015.

You've probably already heard, but just in case the Department of Boating and Waterways approved a \$16.9 million loan for the completion of Basin 2. On February 17, 2015, we will request that City Council appropriate these funds and authorize an amendment to the contract with Bellingham Marine Industries, Inc., for the demo, dredging and reconstruction of the remaining docks in Basin 2. In an effort to dredge Basin 2 and a small portion of Basin 3 within our dredging permit deadline, staff is working on a relocation plan. It is our hope that we can relocate all the vessels in Basin 2 within Alamitos Bay, Shoreline and Rainbow Marinas. We ask for your patience and assistance with this monumental task. It is also our hope that this effort on everyone's part will result in construction savings. We will have more information in the March newsletter. Change is upon us.



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TIDE CHART

February 2015

Date	Low Tide				High Tide			
	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1. Su	1:13	1.8	2:24	-0.7	7:21	5.8	8:49	4.0
2. Mo	1:51	1.7	2:54	-0.7	7:56	5.8	9:17	4.1
3. Tu	2:24	1.6	3:21	-0.6	8:28	5.7	9:43	4.2
4. We	2:57	1.5	3:47	-0.4	8:59	5.6	10:08	4.2
5. Th	3:30	1.5	4:13	-0.2	9:30	5.3	10:35	4.3
6. Fr	4:04	1.5	4:38	0.1	10:01	5.0	11:03	4.3
7. Sa	4:42	1.5	5:04	0.5	10:32	4.6	11:33	4.3
8. Su	5:25	1.6	5:30	0.9	11:10	4.1	--	--
9. Mo	6:19	1.7	5:58	1.3	12:07	4.3	11:53	3.5
10. Tu	7:34	1.8	6:31	1.7	12:48	4.3	12:58	3.0
11. We	9:14	1.6	7:23	2.1	1:42	4.3	2:54	2.6
12. Th	10:43	1.1	8:84	2.3	2:50	4.4	5:08	2.7
13. Fr	11:43	0.5	10:28	2.3	4:02	4.7	6:16	3.0
14. Sa	12:28	-0.1	11:36	2.0	5:03	5.2	6:57	3.4
15. Su	--	--	1:08	-0.7	5:57	5.7	7:32	3.9
16. Mo	12:30	1.7	1:47	-1.1	6:45	6.1	8:07	4.3
17. Tu	1:19	1.2	2:24	-1.4	7:31	6.4	8:41	4.7
18. We	2:06	0.8	3:02	-1.4	8:17	6.5	9:18	5.0
19. Th	2:54	0.5	3:39	-1.2	9:03	6.4	9:55	5.2
20. Fr	3:43	0.3	4:18	-0.8	9:50	5.9	10:35	5.4
21. Sa	4:35	0.3	4:57	-0.3	10:40	5.3	11:18	5.4
22. Su	5:33	0.4	5:39	0.4	11:34	4.6	--	--
23. Mo	6:39	0.6	6:25	1.1	12:05	5.3	12:40	3.8
24. Tu	8:02	0.7	7:24	1.7	1:00	5.1	2:11	3.2
25. We	9:38	0.7	8:47	2.2	2:08	4.9	4:12	3.0
26. Th	11:04	0.4	10:24	2.3	3:26	4.8	5:49	3.3
27. Fr	12:06	0.1	11:37	2.1	4:42	4.8	6:46	3.6
28. Sa	--	--	12:52	-0.2	5:43	5.0	7:25	3.8

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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

SAFETY Classes

BOATING SKILLS AND SEAMANSHIP

Beginning January 15 - 7 to 9 PM
Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
11600 Los Alamitos Blvd

This U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is free, but the cost for the textbook is \$45. Certificates will be awarded to the students who successfully complete the course. Some insurance companies give discounts to boaters who have successfully completed classes such as this one. USCG Aux. instructor Doug Conwell is scheduled to teach the class.

For further information, contact Doug Conwell at (562) 304-3497; or email him at saltydoug77@gmail.com.

ADVANCED BOAT PILOTING

January 21 to April 8 - Wednesday nights - 7 to 9PM
Long Beach Shoreline Yacht Club
386 Shoreline Drive, Long Beach CA 90802

The cost is \$135 (if you're a USPS or SYC member \$85). Presented by the United States Power Squadron, the class teaches you advanced positioning techniques, Radar, Depth Sounders, Autopilots, Chart plotters, Navigation computer software, Hazard and Collision avoidance using radar or GPS, Working with tides, tide clearances, water depth and effects of current, Piloting your boat in the wind and currents, the "Seaman's Eye" using time tested skills for checking you are on the right course, and much more.

Contact Marion Seaman, USPS Education Officer - (310) 632-4748, marionseaman1@aol.com or Daniel Verna, USPS Press Officer - (626)755-3142, vernadaniel@yahoo.com for more information.



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2015 Welcomes **NEW LAWS**

With the beginning of 2015, we welcomed in some new marine-related laws regarding vessel operations and fishing. The new law attracting the most attention toward the end of the legislative session in Sacramento was Senate Bill 941, which would require anyone operating a boat to complete a vessel operator course. Also, Senate Bill 1162 changes the classification of some misdemeanors to infractions. Other governmental agencies approved measures impacting recreational anglers.

Below are the specific provisions of new laws and regulations:

SB 941 requires recreational boaters to pass an approved boating education course and obtain a Vessel Operator Card in order to operate a motorized boat. This bill was signed into law in September 2014. The law became effective January 1, 2015. Until January 1, 2018, California's Division of Boating and Waterways (Cal Boating) must develop a vessel operator education program that applies to operators of engine-propelled vessels. Once the program is completely developed by 2018, the require-

ment to pass an exam and obtain a Vessel Operator Card would be in full effect within eight years. In addition to developing regulations, Cal Boating would also be allowed to establish a fee for the operator card. The law also creates a "Vessel Operator Certification Account" to help pay for developing and implementing a program to educate and certify boaters. Beginning April 2019, the state will be required to conduct annual reporting to determine whether new boater education has had the needed impact on reducing vessel accidents.

SB 1162 reclassifies several boating-related violations as infractions instead of misdemeanors. Going into effect January 1, 2015, three specific violations became infractions instead of misdemeanors:

- mooring a boat to a beacon or buoy that is not designated for mooring

- exceeding the 5 miles-per-hour speed limit when within 200 feet of a marina
- towing a water skier without a spotter

LIVE FRESHWATER BAIT FISH LICENSE FOR RETAIL LIVE BAIT OUTLETS: The California Code of Regulations was amended to require all live bait outlets to issue a live freshwater bait fish license when specifically selling live freshwater fin fish and crayfish for use in inland waters.

RECREATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT ALLOCATION

INCREASE: According to the Pacific Fishery Management Council, the allocation for California's recreational halibut fishery will increase from 1 to 4 percent of its non-tribal allocation. To balance the increase along California's coast,

the states of Oregon and Washington would have to reduce their respective allocations of 1 percent each in the recreational and commercial sectors. In order to do this, recreational fishery will be tracked and managed to ensure California remains within its approved allocation. The recreational season structure of the California Pacific halibut fishery will be determined

based on a catch projection methods developed by California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff, and specific season dates will be developed.

PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA MANAGEMENT: Fishing for bluefin tuna in the Pacific Ocean will become more restrictive in 2015, as regulators drastically reduce the number of bluefin tuna anglers can catch in a day. The Pacific Fishery Management Council instigated a 2-fish-per-angler-per-day limit on this fish species found between Japan and the western United States. The previous daily limit was 10 fish. The catch limit was adopted for 2015 and 2016 in response to the waning bluefin tuna population.

With all these new regulations and laws, there is a lot of changes to remember with the new year. Stay tuned for updates!



VALENTINE'S DAY *on the Water*

Celebrate Valentines Day on the water! Following are some local happenings:

22ND ANNUAL QUEEN MARY SCOTSFESTIVAL

Saturday and Sunday, February 14 and 15 - 9AM to 6PM

The Queen Mary's ScotsFestival & International Highland Games XXII in Long Beach kicks off the Scottish Festival and Highland Games season offering guests a glimpse into Scotland's rich culture and history featuring an array of activities from Highland athletics and dancing to Lowlands music and cuisine.

Visit <http://www.queenmary.com/events/scotsfestival> for more information and tickets



VALENTINE'S DAY LATE NIGHT AND DINNER AT THE AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

Saturday, February 14 - 5 to 10 PM

Celebrate Valentine's Day with someone special or the whole family at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Admission after 5:00 p.m. is only \$14.95.

For an additional charge, enjoy a delectable dinner with your loved one at the Aquarium. Be sure to reserve early for the best seats.

Visit <http://www.aquariumofpacific.org> for more information and tickets.

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GONDOLA GETAWAY VALENTINE'S SPECIAL

Wednesday, February 11 to Sunday, February 15

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Visit <http://www.gondola getawayinc.com> for more information and tickets.

NEW PHONE TREE

in Billing & Collections

Effective 1/12/15

The billing and collections phone tree has been modified to address Marina customers. They continue to receive calls on private direct lines. **All customers should dial the 87600 line.** There is staff coverage on this line to assist all Marina customers.

The Marina customers would need to press #3 .

- For English, press one (This option will be directed to the new queue listed below)
 - Spanish option, press two (This option will go straight to the Spanish queue for anyone that is available).
1. To make a credit card payment by telephone, press one.
 2. Location and Business hours, press two.
 3. Marina billing questions, press three.
 - a. To update your Marina Recurring Credit card or EasyPay account information please fill out a new application found on our website at www.LongBeach.Gov
 - b. For all other billing questions, please press one. (This option should be connecting to anyone that is available on the queue for all representatives)
 4. Ambulance billing questions, press four.
 5. Collections Department, press five.
 - a. For utility collections, press one (this is the added option to have the phone calls transferred to x 7360)
 - b. For other collection matters, press two. (Collections queue)
 6. False alarm billing questions, press six. (This option should be connecting to anyone that is available on the queue for all representatives)
 7. Police or Fire department billing questions, press seven. (Collections queue)



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SAVE GAS

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leslie.sundal@longbeach.gov
to learn more about this great
opportunity.