FROM THE MANAGER

By Elvira Hallinan
Manager of Marinas & Beaches

February 2015 started out with the Grand Re-Opening of Rainbow Harbor’s Dock 10; the public dock on the waterside of Parker’s Lighthouse. Mayor Garcia and Vice Mayor Lowenthal celebrated the opening with a christening of the dock. It was great to see that the event was well attended by boat owners, the general public and our Marine Advisory Commissioners. I’d like to acknowledge the following vessels who participated in the boat procession and who were the first to utilize this beautiful dock: the Mai Tai Roa owner, Mike Schachter, Marine Advisory Commissioner and Shoreline permittee, the Magic Moment owner Matthew Radigan, Jr. Staff Commodore, Seal Beach Yacht Club and Shoreline permittee, the Blue Knight owner Roger Gripe, Commodore, Seal Beach Yacht Club and Alamitos Bay permittee. Thank you for making this a fun event. I’d also like to thank everyone behind the scenes, City staff and contractors who worked hard on the project and on making this event successful; they are truly our unsung heroes.

Another reconstruction project started in February. Long Beach Transit has begun the reconstruction of Berth 3 in Alamitos Bay. Berth 3 is utilized by the AquaLink during the summer months. The project includes the installation of a 70’ x 16’ dock, a new ADA compliant gangway and landside improvements for a waiting area with new paving, bench seating and security lighting. The project is scheduled for completion by Memorial Day weekend.

Lastly, I’d like to thank those individuals who have sent in suggestions and policy changes for review. These have been assigned to various staff members and we are in the process of attempting to address any issues in an effort to come up with a viable solution. Keep them coming.

LMBOA
Membership Renewal

The Long Beach Marina Boat Owners Association (LMBOA or BOA) is a volunteer organization that represents the interests of Long Beach Marina slip holders. BOA is in constant close contact with the Marine Bureau, the Marina Maintenance Department, our City Council Representatives, the City Auditor’s office, the Port of Long Beach, the Los Angeles County Tax Assessors office, the Marine Patrol, and the City of Long Beach Marine Advisory Commission. In the past, the BOA 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 and has pressed the City Council to complete the rebuild on schedule. BOA worked with the Tax Assessors office in changing the way the possessory tax is calculated to make it as reasonable as possible.

This is the time of year when BOA will be sending out membership renewal notices to current members and membership invitations to the slip holders in the Shoreline, Rainbow Harbor, Alamitos Bay marinas, and the dry storage lots. By joining LMBOA and making an annual contribution you are helping the organization accomplish its mission. You can also renew or initiate your membership on the BOA Web site www.lmboa.org.

BOA has a number of open Board positions in the areas of Executive Vice President, Membership Director, Security Director, Public Relations Director, and Marine Advisory Commission and City Council monitors. Positions are also available for writers who would like to contribute to the online journal, Gangway Gazette. For additional information please contact BOA President, Dr. Tom Mayes at tom.mayes@lbmboa.org. article submitted by LBMOA

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**Upcoming EVENTS**

**Fred Hall Boat Show**
March 4 - 8, 2015 For Information: www.fredhall.com

**Daylight Savings Time**
Spring Forward Sunday, March 8, 2015

**Formula E-Series**
April 4, 2015 For Information: www.formulae.com

**Formula D Series**
April 10 – 11, 2015 For Information: www.formulad.com

**Long Beach Grand Prix**
April 17 – 19, 2015 For Information: www.gplb.com

**Congressional Cup**
May 13 – 17, 2015 For Information: lbyc.org

**Long Beach Pride Festival**
May 16 – 17, 2015 For Information: www.longbeachpride.com

**OFFSHORE CRUISING CLUB**

**New Member “Meet & Greet”**
The Offshore Cruising Club of Little Geiger Cove, Catalina Island will be hosting a “Meet & Greet” no host cocktail hour to allow potential new members and existing members to get to know one another. Membership is open at this time and we have a few spots available. The "Meet & Greet" will be held in Long Beach on March 21, 2015 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. For further details and to request a formal invitation please contact Commodore, Dana J. Markle at 562-818-5762 or delkram@gmail.com.

*article submitted by Offshore Cruising Club*

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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
Fishing Restrictions LIFTED

Fishing in Long Beach Port can resume! The Board of Harbor Commissioners in Long Beach has lifted some restrictions against fishing in Port of Long Beach waters.

In February 2015, the board agreed to change the port’s fishing policies to allow for recreational fishing in Long Beach Harbor unless a sign posted states otherwise. The ban on fishing in the bay was first made 30 years ago. The extremely busy nature of the port was the reason behind the tariff, small vessels fishing in the area were potential hazards in the maze of moving cargo ships. Also, marine pollution led to an unhealthy ecosystem that could not support public fishing. Banning fishing in the area was the best solution to this issue, although some continued fish anyway.

Under new regulations, small craft operators and boaters are required to abide by state law to move for cargo ships coming in and out of the harbor. Fishermen will also have to comply with Fish and Wildlife regulations, such as baiting regulations, declaring multi day trips in advance, staying within take-away limits (20 finfish a day), and staying away from government protected fish such as the giant sea bass and broomtail grouper. For those without a boat, fishing from land is permitted at Pier J, the port’s public fishing area. The dock has lighting and parking.

In recent years, the fish and marine wildlife populations in the area have improved greatly. Major pollution was a big problem in the port before the 1970’s. It wasn’t until the Clean Water Act that people really changed their ways. As a result, a lot of the hazardous chemicals once found in the Port have dissipated allowing for the repopulation of affected animals and a wide variety of fish species. Currently when in the Port, it is not uncommon for research boats to observe 15 or 20 different species of fish using the harbor at different periods in their life. This healthier port is a good sign for the earth!

While fishing via vessel is now officially permitted in Long Beach Port waters, please keep in mind that state and federal regulations are still in effect and should be followed at all times.

SEAL BEACH Yacht Club

Members of the Seal Beach Yacht Club (SIBYC) extend a personal invitation to tour some of their boats and visit their yacht club on Saturday, March 21, and Sunday, March 22. Learn about the advantage of having a yacht club membership – e.g., tie up for free at other So. Cal. yacht clubs, meet new friends, expand your boating enjoyment, and more.

Do you like to cruise? If so the SIBYC is the club for you. During the warmer months our club cruises to Catalina Island and other yacht clubs from San Diego to Marina Del Rey. We also have extended cruises to Ensenada, Santa Barbara Island, and Santa Cruz Island. About every other year we do bareboat charters in waters outside California. Past charter cruises include the British Virgin Islands, San Juan Islands, Europe’s canals, and Desolation Sound in Canada. Our yearly cruise schedule begins with our “long distance” cruise to Marina Pacifica Mall long dock. Details follow later in this article.

Have you ever wanted to or do you now race your sailboat? SIBYC has a year-round racing program consisting of 46 races including championship racing in handicap fleets. Classes exist for anyone who wants to race.

Our very popular 20-week summer series on Thursday nights is a great way to break up the work week. These races include 40 to 50 boats and consist of 5 four-race series with trophies after the 4th race of each series. After each race a barbecue at the club brings all the crews together for food, drink, and tales of that day’s adventures. Videos of the race are shown on various television screens giving the racers a chance to view their boat in action. It’s great fun!

Do you like to fish? We have an annual fishing tournament in the Fall with fantastic raffle prizes and trophies for winners given by a large number of sponsors. Also, Dan Hernandez, executive producer of “Sport Fishing with Dan Hernandez” is a member of our club. You can trade “the one that got away” stories with Dan or several other sport-fishermen members.

Not currently a boat owner but like to have fun? SIBYC has a full calendar of social activities. Dinner dances, charitable activities, Friday Night Dinners and Sunday Grill-Your-Owns, Sea Belles (ladies of the club) luncheons and events and Friday golf can keep you busy throughout the year. Events are as diverse as our membership.

Mark your calendar for March 21 from 1pm to 4pm at the Marina Pacifica Mall long dock (behind Ralph’s). Members will be available to speak to you about various committees and events. Enjoy food and refreshments as you get to know our club. On Sunday, March 22 from 3pm to 7pm you can visit our yacht club at 225 Marina Drive, Long Beach, next door to West Marine and Schooner or Later. Members will be available to speak to you about various committees and events, so let us know your preferences. We’ll have more food, refreshments and entertainment followed by a barbecue.

For more information, contact Pattie Hall at 562-715-4242 or our office at 562-594-6337 www.slbyc.com.

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GRAND PRIX & OTHER RACING
Information & Closures

It’s noise, excitement, racing in the streets, and fun (depending on your point of view). Some downtown boaters prefer to leave town, while others enjoy all the festivities. No matter which group you fall into, you will be impacted.

First is April 3rd and 4th. Formula E Series is coming to Long Beach for the first time ever. This event is free and open to the public, encourage your family and friends to come down and watch electric cars top speeds of 140mph. For additional Formula E Series information visit www.formulae.com. On Friday, April 3rd, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, April 4th from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The entrance to the marina will be from Ocean Blvd., east bound to Shoreline Drive, right on Shoreline Drive, through the Alamitos Lot, then across the sand road into the marina itself.

Second, there is Grand Prix Press Day, April 7th. This day allows members of the press to ride the track. Shoreline Drive will be closed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The entrance to the marina will be from Ocean Blvd., east bound to Shoreline Drive, right on Shoreline Drive, through the Alamitos Lot, then across the sand road into the marina itself. The track opens occasionally during the day but the best bet into and out of the marina is via the sand. For additional Press-Day information visit www.gplb.com.

Third is April 10th – 11th. These dates are set aside to exhibit the latest high-speed craze, Drifting. On these two dates the street closure on Shoreline Drive will be from Ocean Blvd., to Linden Avenue and therefore, the only way into and out of the marina will be via Pine Avenue to Shoreline Drive to Shoreline Village Drive. For additional Drift information visit www.formulad.com.

Our fourth street closure will be on Wednesday, April 15th and Thursday, April 16th. Access to the Shoreline Marina will be from Pine Ave to Shoreline Drive to Shoreline Village Drive. Access out of the marina will be via the sand.

Our final street closure will be on race weekend, April 17th – 19th. Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. the only access to the marina will be via the sand road (just like press day). After 7:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. entrance to the marina and Shoreline Village will be via Pine Avenue to Shoreline Drive to Shoreline Village Drive. For additional Grand Prix information visit www.gplb.com.

During race weekend, no vendors or maintenance workers will be allowed into the marina. The most important thing for boaters to remember is the parking situation.

NO GUEST PASSES of any kind will be issued. Only Long Beach Shoreline Marina parking passes, with the “15” decal, will be honored during the event. If you have friends coming to visit, you need to make plans to bring them into the marina with you or they must walk down. Shoreline Village will be closed from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to anyone without Grand Prix tickets.

Parking is difficult at best and very impacted during this event, so, the best suggestion is to plan ahead. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation during this time. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Kimarie Vestre at (562) 570-3236.

JOHN “BOZ” BOSWORTH

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the loss of one of our marina family members. John “Boz” Bosworth unexpectedly passed away February 2, 2015. Boz was a very well respected and hard-working employee.

Boz worked in our Marine Maintenance Division for nearly 28 years. He was a familiar face to many and was known as the “go-to” man. He approached every job with pride. He appreciated a challenge, could fix anything, and always did it with a smile or at least a smirk.

When Boz was not working he enjoyed fishing, although he would tell you he never caught anything, playing golf, or sitting around the poker table.

Boaters, fellow workers, family and friends will all miss Boz and his wonderful sense of humor.
Dock 10 Opening

February 7, 2015
Rainbow Harbor

Dock 10 at Rainbow Harbor has completed construction! A Grand Opening Ceremony for Dock 10 was held on February 7, 2015 at 160 E. Shoreline Drive. Mayor Robert Garcia and Vice Mayor Suja Lowenthal joined the community to welcome and celebrate this versatile new public dock.

The construction included removal of the previously existing 313-foot long L-shaped public boat dock at Shoreline Village. After that was complete, crews replaced it in the same location with a new 713-foot long L-shaped public boat dock (with new gangway and three sewage pump-out stations) using twelve existing concrete piles and twelve new concrete piles.

The boating public is sure to benefit from this refurbishing and construction. We can now all rely on this newer construction to fit all our boating needs in Long Beach.

Fred Hall Show
LONG BEACH

March 4 - 8, 2015
Long Beach Convention Center and Arena

The 2015 Fred Hall Show will once again feature the largest selection of fishing boats and marine accessories in the market. If you are considering a new boat, you won’t want to miss the Fred Hall Show. The latest models ranging from bass boats, pontoons and tow-boats to larger center consoles and offshore models from the major brands.

The show will also be full of the latest in fishing tackle and gear along with hundreds of top quality seminars and one on one instruction. The largest selection of the nation’s leading equipment manufacturers will be represented including fishing tackle, marine accessories, diving, shooting and hunting products and camping gear combined with hundreds of resorts, landings, lodges and outfitters that are ready to book your next outdoor adventure.

Mark your calendars now for the 2015 Fred Hall show, you don’t want to miss it! For more information, visit www.fredhall.com