

Marina Reader

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine

FROM THE MANAGER

Happy Valentine’s Day everyone. In the spirit of “love” we at the marinas would like to hear from you. Fill in the blank, “What I love about my Long Beach Marina is _____”.

I’ll start, what I love about Long Beach Marinas are the mini-boating communities throughout the three marinas. Staff and boat owners have shared stories with me regarding how the best part of the boating season is getting together with the life-long friendships that bloomed on the docks on a Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

These mini-communities were a big selling point during the bond sale road show. The investors liked hearing about how various slip holders who were once strangers have become family over time, i.e., watched each other’s children grow into adults. My favorite story was that of the various groups of boat owners in Basin 2 who prior to the rebuild coming their way, came into the office and asked to be relocated as a group! How can an investor not be impressed? Not only have all of you invested your time and money, but you’ve invested a part of yourselves. Please send us your “What I love” statement, via email, on Facebook, postcard, etc.

In the weeks to come you will notice a few changes along our waterways. The City has embarked the Livability Project, whose purpose is to promote Long Beach’s natural resources, in our case, the waterways.

The water quality in our beaches, bays and lagoons received 100 percent “A” grades, according to the Heal the Bay 2015 Annual Beach Report Card. Long Beach wants to celebrate and get people to the water!

Phase one of the program includes: water quality signs at Bayshore North beach, adjacent to Leeway Sailing Center, Mother’s Beach and Colorado Lagoon, various swim ladders will be strategically placed within Alamitos Bay, and the creation of the Bayshore Buoy Swim line.

Enjoy yourselves and spread the love on the docks.-

Elvira Hallinan
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February 2016

Upcoming EVENTS

BOATING BASICS TO BE TAUGHT

BY U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

(LONG BEACH --- Jan. 18) --- The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering About Boating Safely, a one-day class on Feb. 27 (Saturday) at the Long Beach Fire Dept. Station 8 in Belmont Shore.

"(The class will help to) keep your friends and family safe, and make your time on the water more pleasurable," said Michael Bozarth, USCG Aux. instructor who's set to teach the course related to powerboats, sail boats and personal watercraft.

The eight-hour class will cover boating jargon and laws, on-water emergencies, navigation, skiing, river boating, trailering, storing, hunting aboard your boat and protecting it.

It's free, but the textbook costs \$30. It'll take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at 5373 E. 2nd St., Long Beach 90802. There will be a one hour break for lunch. There is street parking only.

Many insurance companies give discounts to those who've successfully finished this class. A certificate will be presented to students who pass the short test following the class.

For further information, contact instructor Bozarth at BozUSCGA@gmail.com; or call him at (949) 310-5098.

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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

	Low Tide				High Tide				
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MARINE BUREAU STAFF PREPARED FOR EL NINO STORM

The first 2016 El Nino storm of 2016 on January 5 and 6 dropped about two inches of rain in Long Beach, and Marine Bureau staff was ready to face the challenges that came with it.

Beach Maintenance crews kept a watchful eye on the sand berms and fortified areas with rocks. They assisted the Department of Public Works by preparing sandbags for their use in responding to calls in flooded areas.

The storm left a total of 16.5 tons of debris that was picked up at Rainbow Harbor, Rainbow Marina and Shoreline Marina. Staff cleared 217 tons of debris from the beach.

Marine Bureau and City Lifeguard staff worked with Rainbow Harbor commercial businesses to use Dock 10 outside of the Harbor area to minimize movement through the area protected by the trash boom, and lessen the release of debris into the waterways.

Marine Maintenance staff identified leaking roofs at two Alamitos Bay boat owner restrooms and one in Basin Seven.

With more El Nino rains likely in the near future staff will be even more prepared after these recent experiences.



The Marine Bureau's "Marauder" trash collection boat.

TRASH BY THE NUMBERS

16.5 Tons of debris removed Jan 5-10 from Rainbow Harbor, Rainbow Marina and Shoreline Marina

2.5 Tons of debris The Maruader, the city of Long Beach trash collection boat, is able to transport

9,290 Tons of Los Angeles River trash that was carried downstream to Long Beach during the last El Niño season in 1997-98.

Source: Long Beach Press Telegram



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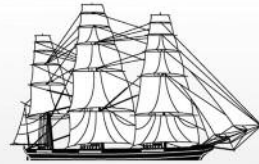
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IT'S WHALE WATCHING SEASON

When more than 15,000 Pacific Gray Whales migrate to winter feeding grounds in Mexico, they always include Long Beach in their itinerary of seaside cities. The whale's awesome journey can be easily seen by boat in Long Beach's San Pedro Bay from now until mid April.

Pacific Grays make the 12,000 mile round-trip between their summer Arctic feeding grounds and winter breeding grounds, closely following the Aleutian Islands past British Columbia, along the Washington, Oregon and California coast to the shallow lagoons of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula.



By January, the whales begin arriving in Baja, first the pregnant females, then the mature breeding adults and finally the yearlings. The once imperiled Pacific Gray has fully recovered to pre-exploitation numbers since being listed under the Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1969.

The federal government has since removed the Pacific Gray whales from the list. Pods of whales can be seen by individual skippers but the National Marine Fisheries Service wants to remind everyone of the following guidelines for whale watching.

- Maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from the whales.
- Whales should be followed in a parallel course, never cross a whale's path.
- Never use a boat to separate a whale from its mother or to herd or drive whales.
- Remember that causing a whale to change its normal pattern, forcing it to take evasive action, such

as diving, can be harmful to the whales and is a prosecutable offense.

- Vessels should not operate at speeds faster than the slowest whale in the pod.
- Maintain a constant speed and avoid changing either speed or direction until well away from the whales.

Whale watchers will find the opportunity to spot some migrating whales as they "spy hot" (poke their heads out of the water), breach (jump out of the water) and mate. For skippers who would rather leave the driving to the professional spout spotters, daily whale watching excursions depart from Rainbow Harbor Marina.

P.S. Sometimes a trick to seeing whales is to follow these professional boats. Many of them hire airplanes to go out and spot the herds before they leave port. So, try tagging along, at a distance, of course.

Say **HELLO**

You may see new faces when visiting the marina office. Eric Skelly will now be the acting supervisor at the Long Beach Shoreline Marina office, Stephanie Hardy will be the acting supervisor at the Rainbow Marina Harbor office and Tina Cox and Vilma Hernandez will be the acting Marina Agent III's in the Alamitos Bay office. In addition, we would like to welcome Dee Dee (LBSM), and Allison and Diana (ABM) to our team. Next time you are in the area stop by and introduce yourself.

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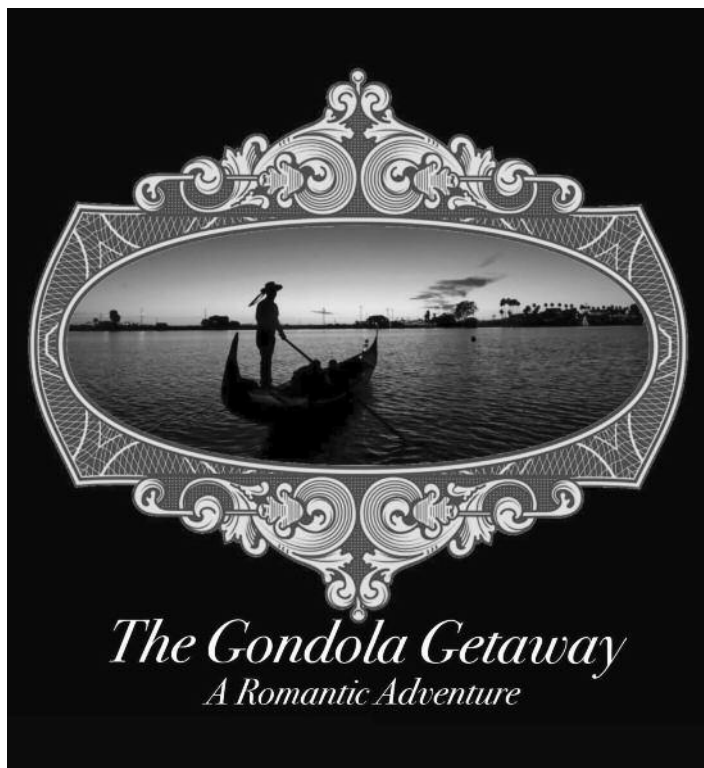
IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY *Every Day at* *The Gondola Getaway*

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

Gondolas have been cruising the enchanting canals of Naples in Alamitos Bay for over 33 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.

As a bonus, if you choose to enjoy the waters of Naples on the large gondolas you can do a "Pizza Cruise" for up to 12 - the only place in the world where you can have a floating dining experience like this. 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.



February 11 - 15, Gondola Getaway celebrates Valentine's Day in a big way. They have roses, chocolate strawberries, framed photos and special musical offerings on the dock. 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.

For additional information you can call (562) 433-9595, email: Gondolier1@verizon.net, or visit the web site: www.gondo.net

MARINE PATROL RECOVERS STOLEN PROPERTY

While on routine patrol, Marine Patrol Officers Mata and Baranowski observed a suspicious person stripping a bike in the area of the Leeway Sailing Center. They detained the suspect and verified the status of the bike. The bike had not been reported stolen and therefore the suspect was released.

Moments later while driving near Ocean and Granada, they were flagged down by a citizen who explained that an elderly female employee from a nearby Starbucks had her bike stolen in the early morning hours. After receiving a description of the bike the officers were quite sure it matched the one from earlier in the day.

Officers Mata and Baranowski re-contacted the subject from earlier and after searching the area recovered the stolen bike in a nearby restroom. The suspect was arrested and the bike was returned to the owner. Great job by officers Mata and Baranowski.

Unfortunately, the City of Long Beach no longer offers bike licensing. However, if you have a bike it is recommended that you take a photo of it and include the serial number for future verification if necessary. Also, if your bike is stolen call the non-emergency number for the Long Beach Police Department (562) 435-6711 to file a report. The photo and serial number will serve as verification for returning the stolen property.