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A Note From The Helm

We don't know about you all, but this past year has gone by faster than any other one we can remember! Trusting you had a great Christmas and New Year's with your family and friends. Thank you for your contributions to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Your generosity helped warm up Christmas for many children in the area.

With the holidays behind us it's time to gear up for 2016. Being proactive can not only save you money but it can save you a lot of heartache. It may not be fun going through and checking all of your lines, pumps, batteries, etc. but one thing you don't want is the proverbial 4:00am phone call. We know that there has been quite a bit of information about El Niño in our newsletters of late but we can't stress the importance of preparing for bad weather enough.

A friendly reminder that the Boater's Lounge is available most Saturdays for movies and popcorn! We hope you all have a great 2016!!!

Bill Thomas & Gerald Thomas



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY 5/10K

Join more than 9,000 people who are expected to participate in the 38th Annual Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce Super Bowl Sunday 10K run, February 7, 2016.

In addition to the main race, the day's festivities also include a 5K Run and Fun Walk, a 10K In-line Skate, a Baby Buggy 10K and a costume contest. Great food and beverage await participants and guests at the Race Festival.

Race Day Schedule:

6:00 a.m. - Registration opens

7:00 a.m. - Costume judging

7:30 a.m. - 5K Run/Walk

8:15 a.m. - Baby buggy 10K

8:30 a.m. - 10K run

For more information, call 310-376-6911

A NOTE FROM MAUREEN

First of all, I want to say a great big thank you to all of you for a great 2015. It's always the people who create an atmosphere and I think we have the friendliest atmosphere around right here at Port Royal Marina.

We're truly looking forward to a 2016 that will be even better. We are planning a few special events this year to include a Chili Party, a nice continental breakfast, and a Coast Guard Auxiliary presentation to kick off the summer boating season. And, as always, our annual Customer Appreciation BBQ.

As we look forward to 2016, from all of us here at California Yacht Marina, we wish you and your families a truly terrific 2016.

Sincerely,



Maureen



*Boating isn't about where you go,
But who you take with you
Happy Valentine's Day!
Port Royal Marina*

There is a lot of history behind this day, most of which we're unable to print in this newsletter due to the nature of that history. Anyway we will start our history from the Roman Emperor Claudius, who having determined that married men made poor soldiers, banned marriage from his empire. But a young priest named Valentine would secretly marry young men that came to him.

When Claudius found out about Valentine, he first tried to convert him to paganism. But Valentine reversed the strategy, trying instead to convert Claudius. When he failed, he was jailed and eventually stoned and beheaded.

During the days that Valentine was imprisoned, he fell in love with the blind daughter of his jailer. His love for her, and his great faith, managed to miraculously heal her from her blindness. Before he was taken to his death, he signed a farewell message to her, "From your Valentine." The phrase has been used on his day ever since.

Upcoming Events



03.19.16 --- NOON - 2PM
CHILI LUNCHEON

04.16.16 --- 11:00AM - 2PM
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

TOY DRIVE THANKS!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE TOY DRIVE!

WE COLLECTED OVER 200 NEW TOYS AND BOOKS AT PORT ROYAL MARINA!! BOATERS AT EACH CALIFORNIA YACHT MARINA HELPED MAKE THIS YEAR'S TOY DRIVE ANOTHER SUCCESS. HOPEFULLY YOU WERE ABLE TO JOIN US AT THE TACO EVENT!

A BIG THANKS TO OUR MARINA STAFF FOR ORGANIZING THIS GREAT EVENT AND DISTRIBUTING THE TOY DONATIONS.

NOTE FROM CAMERON



Happy New Year California Yacht Marina boaters and welcome to 2016!

If you had a fair 2015, here's hoping you have a better 2016.

It was nice to see many of our boaters who stopped by the Marina and our office during the Holiday season.

A big thank you for all the kind words, the toy contributions for the kids, the cookies and all the delicious treats that were shared with our Marina staff. It is boaters like ours that set us apart from other marinas near and far.

As we reflect on this past year 2015, it presented many challenges and through these tough times, I can say with confidence because of the obstacles we are all stronger and wiser. Taking what we have learned in 2014 into the New Year remember... There is no progress without struggle.

Have a safe and memorable Valentine's weekend and Happy Easter.

Sincerely,

Cameron

PREVENT DAMAGED SAILS



MAKE SURE YOU SECURE YOUR SAILS AND MOORING LINES. WITH HIGH WINDS, YOUR SAIL CAN COME UNWRAPPED AND THE SAIL WILL BECOME SHREDDED. ON THE LAST BIG WIND STORM WE HAD A FEW VESSELS THAT HAD DAMAGED SAILS. ALSO, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR BOAT IS TIED UP ADEQUATELY.

DUMPING WASTE IN THE WATER

Why throw trash in the water, when trash cans and recycle bins are provided for us?

Throwing waste in water is not a solution. Improper disposal of trash can lead to unsanitary water accumulating and affecting you. Water ends up contaminated causing bacteria that can carry diseases and accumulate high levels of toxic substances. Unsanitary water can carry diseases such as Giardiasis, Amoebic Dysentery and Cholera.

The first impact is to the aquatic ecosystem. Marine life is affected as well. One key marine animal that is being affected by this is fish. This is serious because we eat fish. The major issue is that fish carry traces of methyl mercury. Mercury can harm your brain, hearing, kidneys, lungs and immune system. Higher exposures may result in death. Mercury accumulates in the fish gills when polluted water is filtered. The longer the fish lives, the more mercury it accumulates. Over a person's lifetime our tissues accumulate mercury from the fish we eat. All of these issues are due to contaminated water. Avoid throwing trash in the water. All this dumping ends up affecting you.

Things we can do to help prevent this:



- Don't throw any chemicals down the drain.
- Dispose of trash/recycling in the proper can.
- Don't flush trash.
- Don't throw plastic in the water.
- Play it safe when selecting

fish. Here is a link that will give you a list of fish and the typical mercury levels found in them.

<http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/oe/mercury/safefish.html>



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It's The Season



SPRING CLEANING!



WINTER CAN CERTAINLY BE A TIME OF ACCUMULATION AND HIBERNATION. WE NEED YOUR HELP KEEPING DOCKS AND THE AREA AROUND BOATS CLEAN AND TIDY. AN EXCESS OF ITEMS CAN PRESENT A SAFETY ISSUE AS WELL AS BEING AN EYESORE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

We hope you were not caught unprepared as we entered winter.

It's time to winterize if you haven't already done so. The strong winds in January were without a doubt, a preview of more to come in February. This brings to mind some pointers we need to consider as we approach the peak of winter's cold, wet and windy weather.

1. Protect your Boat and the Marina. Strong wind conditions this winter – and every – winter after will definitely put your mooring lines, fenders and canvas to the test. To protect your investment in your boat it is essential that your boat be properly moored to withstand the elements. The most common problems we've seen over the years are obvious, common sense items:

- Inadequate mooring lines (in number, size, and/or condition).
- Improperly secured lines.
- No spring lines.
- Inadequate fendering.

Bottom line: Ensure that your boat is properly moored and fendered, and check on it regularly. The setup which worked fine during the balmy days of summer just might not hack it in a 40 or 50-knot blow.

Likewise, with the onset of colder weather and use of heaters, the fire danger goes up in winter. PLEASE be sure you follow all safety precautions applicable to the type of heater you are using. And don't ever leave bare bulbs where they can contact fabric or other combustibles. Did you know that, according to the Fire Code, it's illegal to have an incandescent bulb burning on an unoccupied boat?

2. Fire Fact. From ignition to full involvement of a fire on a fiberglass boat – only 6 minutes!

3. We think another precautionary warning needs to be added - **MAKE SURE YOUR BILGE PUMP IS WORKING!**

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