



Coyote Point Marina

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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2022! At this time last year it seemed so unlikely that we would still be dealing with this pandemic, but here we are. Per County guidance, we continue to require face coverings indoors at our office, practice social distancing, and in general do the best we can to prevent the spread of the virus. I begin to wonder if this is just going to be the new normal

But enough about COVID. The lighted boat parade was a lot of fun. We had upwards of a dozen boats participate, including your Harbor Patrol boat and the Sheriff's Marine Unit. The outer berm was lined with spectators. The Yacht Club served hot drinks, and lots of local kids got to see Santa and enjoy the festivities. Thanks to those who decorated their boats, and especially to those who took part in the parade. Let's shoot for 20 boats next year!!

New tide books should be available at the office the first week of January. I wonder when these little books will become a thing of the past though. I use a smartphone app called "Tides" that puts a graph of today's tides right at your fingertips in any location you wish. You can then scroll to any date as well. It's a lot easier than thumbing through the book and figuring out the closest station and its corresponding corrections. I have also found that smartphone navigation apps can be really helpful. I use "Navionics", which I really like, but there are others as well. Of course, once you are out of cellphone data range none of these work, so having paper backups is always prudent.

I want to wish all of you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

– Mark Bettis, Harbormaster

Some Housekeeping

While most of our tenants are responsible, maintain their boats and abide by the rules, a number of individuals just can't seem to do the basic things we require. Here are a few reminders of key rules at Coyote Point.

Current California or US Coast Guard registration is required for all boats moored here. If you have not renewed your California vessel registration you need to do so immediately. Starting in February we will be checking all CA registered vessels for current (2023)

stickers. If your vessel does not display a current sticker it will be cited. If the problem persists your Berth License Agreement will be terminated and you may be required to remove your vessel from the Marina or pay transient berth rates until your documents are up to date. The same holds true for insurance. If you do not maintain valid insurance and provide us with proof of coverage your tenancy will be jeopardized.

Living aboard is not allowed at Coyote Point. There is a three night per week limit on lodging aboard. Those of you who continue to push this limit need to start abiding by this policy. One point for clarity: Berthing more than one boat at Coyote Point does not mean you can stay six nights a week! It is also strictly prohibited to rent out your boat as a hotel room.

Boats must be kept in good visual and operating condition. There are a few boats scattered through the harbor that are being neglected, and it's time to get them cleaned up!! Thanks to the many of you who have put the effort in this year to scrub and paint. The Marina looks better all the time.

Duck!

There have been a few sightings lately of a Harlequin duck in the area of the harbor entrance and jetty. This is unusual for this area, as these strikingly beautiful birds are more common further north. If you happen to sight this bird let us know!



Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than those you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the wind in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

- Mark Twain



