



# Whoo News

## February 2017

### Happy New Year!

We hope you made it through the holidays, celebrated the New Year with loved ones and are ready to take on this new year.

We kicked off the month of January with some great winds and rains, and even added a King Tide - but we made it through safely with no damage. Thank you for being so proactive to emails to double check the safety of your vessel when called upon. It is a team effort and we are pleased to do our part. Here's to the year ahead.

Your friends,  
Devery, Max, Abby,  
Stephanie, Twitchell  
and  
Capt. Jack Sparrow

### Coming Up and What's Next.....

#### February 5<sup>th</sup>

Join us for a Super Bowl LI potluck in the clubhouse. Bring your favorite game day food and spirits.

#### February 14<sup>th</sup>

Happy Valentine's Day! Don't forget your sweethearts - spread the Love.

#### March 1<sup>st</sup>

New Gate Codes in effect. You will receive a separate email with your personal gate code with your March statement. To ensure the continued safety and security at the marina, please do not share your code. We will be happy to provide you with a guest code.

#### March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Join us for Dockwalker Training with California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways. More information is posted on the board by the ice box.

**Baby lambs are on the run.  
The sheep are in the fields  
behind us and there are many  
lambs to view.**



Have an idea? We are always open to hearing about your ideas and thoughts. Call, email or stop by to share.



# Things to Know

We have a great fitness room that is getting a lot of action - check in the office to get your key!



Reservations are now being made for the picnic areas this summer. Free for our tenants.



The Lending Library and DVD's are here for you. Come in any time and grab a book or curl up on your boat with a good movie.



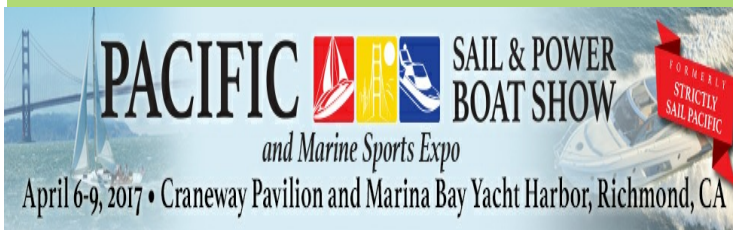
Take a look at the Owl Harbor website, or last month's newsletter, for this year's special events. We are all about having a good time!



Now is the time to make your list of projects and repairs for your boat to get it ready for this boating season.

One of the many benefits of being a tenant at Owl Harbor is the West Marine discount that we are happy to pass along to you. It's simple and easy, and hopefully some good savings, for you to look into. All you need to do is provide us with the item model number, the quantity and we will check the availability and provide you with our price. The discount varies from 5% up to 65% off of the retail price lists. The charges are calculated with the cost of goods, plus tax and a 10% handling charge. There is no delivery charge and the item, if in stock, is delivered to our door in 1-2 days. The best part, besides the savings, is that we add it to your Owl Harbor account and you are done.

You can call, email or come in to view the catalog, give us your list and we do the work from there. It's a great way to save some money and get what you need in return - now that's a great idea!



We will be an exhibitor at the Pacific Sail and Boat Show on April 6-9<sup>th</sup> located at the Craneway Pavilion and Marina Bay Yacht Harbor, we will be in space E-04 stop by and say hello, we would love to see you.

We are happy to be participating in this years boat show, and even happier to have a coupon for \$2.00 off your admission if you purchase your tickets before March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Use offer code: OWLHARPBS17 for savings.

## What is the best handheld VHF to buy?

Here are some characteristics to look for in a top-of-the-line handheld VHF.

1. It should meet waterproof standards (IPX-8 is best; IPX-7 is acceptable), and it should float.
2. Look for a high-capacity lithium-ion (Li-ion) battery (1,000 mAh is good, 2,000 mAh or more is best) to ensure a long operating life before needing a recharge. Typical operation time of about eight hours is good; 16 hours or more is best.
3. It should have 5 to 6 watts of transmitting power.
4. Look for a rugged, high-impact case.
5. A two- to three-year waterproof warranty indicates the manufacturer has confidence in its product.
6. A built-in strobe light aids rescuers if you're in a raft or in the water. It flashes the internationally recognized SOS emergency signal.
7. Make sure it comes with both 110-volt AC and 12-volt DC chargers for charging at home or on the boat.
8. A VHF/GPS combination handheld is a plus, giving you both communications and navigation capability in the palm of your hand.

### Notable Handheld Radios

Here are some state-of-the-art handheld VHF radios to consider if you are in the market for one.

**Icom's M73-11** is a slim, shirt-pocket-size VHF that can transmit a full 6 watts of power and also records and plays back up to one minute of the last message received.

**Standard Horizon's HX870** is a VHF with a built-in full-function GPS. Its DSC feature lets you send a digital Mayday along with your position and your boat's description, and signals an audible alert to all VHF radios with DSC in the area. The MOB (man overboard) function ensures prompt rescue by indicating the range and bearing of anyone who may have fallen overboard.

**Lowrance's Link-2 DSC VHF/GPS** not only has built-in GPS and DSC functions, but it also has a Get Buddy feature that sends your position and distance to friends that are linked to you on your Buddy List.

**Uniden's Atlantis 295 dual-band VHF** not only covers all marine VHF frequencies, but it can also transmit on 8 GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service; \$70 license fee required) channels and 14 FRS (Family Radio Service; no license needed) channels as well. These bonus channels can be legally operated on land as well as on a boat and can also be used for semiprivate communications with family and friends, as well as a wireless intercom system on the boat.

**Cobra Marine's HR HH500FLT BT VHF** has Bluetooth technology, which lets you pair your cell phone with the radio so you can operate your cell phone while you stow it high and dry and away from any contact with the water.

I checked prices at West Marine and Amazon for these items and most were available through Amazon at a lower rate.

Good Luck and 10-4 Out!