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Happy New Year!

We made it through 2017 and now the games begin, again. At the end of each year, I like to reflect on what it was like, what happened, and what's next. Well, it started out as a great year with lots of rain, and then more rain. We got out of the drought, got a new president (no comment), had a number of hurricanes, some flooding, earthquakes, and the end of the year brought fire. One may ask, what was left? There is always more, so don't ask. For me what came from all this was compassion for people, human kindness, and gratitude. Grateful for the many lives that survived the traumatic situations brought on by Mother Nature, grateful for the coming together of people for support, and grateful for the mere sense that it can always be worse.

So, I count my blessings which include all of you. For being a part of my Owl Harbor Family, sharing your lives with us, and sharing us with your family and friends. For being a part of our events, like the recent Holiday Potluck - which was fantastic and extremely delicious. So take this year of 2017 and make 2018 even better - we will see you there!

Cheers and Best Wishes,
Devery, Max, Abby, Stephanie,
Twitchell and
Captain Jack Sparrow

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

January 1

Happy New Year! We will be closed this day to bring in the New Year 2018 - enjoy!



January 16

Live Aboard Meeting 3:30 p.m. In the clubhouse.

February 4

Super Bowl LII and Chili Cook Off Party in the clubhouse

March 1

New Gate Codes in Effect



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Updates.....

- **California registered vessels j"Registration Expired 12/31/2017"**. Please provide us with a current copy of the registration. Or, send us your stickers and we will be happy to put them on your vessel.
- **The California Boater Card is now effective on boat operators** 20 years of age or younger. It's a simple test, cost's \$29.99 and you can visit the site at BOATERexam.com/USA/California.
- **We will be changing the gate code on March 1**. Please do not give your personal code out to family and friends, we will gladly provide you with a guest code for your visitors. If we find your code is being used by others, we will need to change your code.
- **The weather is changing and we have had our first** big wind storm. Please be sure your lines are secure, canvas is either rolled up for the winter or removed from the boat, and halyards are tied tight. It is also good boating sense to remove any objects not tied down on your boat - it is hard to get them from the water once they sink.

Boaters: Have a Hassle-Free Summer by Doing Seven Winter Projects Now

Boaters can get frustrated when a repair or upgrade takes a long time, but delays are often a simple result of supply and demand. "Spring and summer can be the most challenging times to get work done on a boat because everyone else wants their work at the same time," said BoatUS Director of Consumer Affairs Charles Fort. But with a little foresight boaters can get the services they need - sometimes at a better price - now. And some things on a winter "to do" list don't require outside help. Here are some common projects boaters should be looking at doing now, before the spring rush:

Engine and Prop:

Getting your boat's motor worked on in June is like waiting to buy Billy Joel tickets at the door. Get your mechanic on it now if you have a project in mind. It's also the time to have the dings taken out of the prop - your prop shop guy will be glad to see you.

Canvas and Sails:

Canvas and sail lofts are notoriously cyclical businesses so don't feel guilty about asking for a discount on winter work. Now is the time to get the new bi mini top made, repair the camper canvas, or get the sail stitched up.

Wiring:

Every boater needs an extra 12V outlet at the helm, or knows of a corroded wire or two somewhere on the boat that needs fixing. If you want to take on this project yourself, here are some tips on wiring: <http://www.BoatUS.com/boattech/articles/choosing-cables-and-terminals.asp>.

Paint and varnish:

Generally you need warm weather for these projects - but consider taking home hatch boards, tiller handles or wood trim projects and working on them now in well ventilated basement or heated garage.

Line splicing:

Maybe it's an extra long spring line you've always wanted, or dock lines that will actually fit your boat's cleats. Curl up by fire, sing a sea chantey, and start splicing because you will never want to do this in the summer. Here's how to do it: www.BoatUS.com/boattech/casey/rope.asp

Chart and Electronics updates:

Does your chart plotter use an old chip or are you using the same paper chart you had 10 years ago? Your helm electronics software may also have downloadable updates that make them perform better. Do a winter tackle box overhaul: You're never going to want to do this once the fish start biting. BoatUS Angler pro Steve Chaconas shows how to get your tackle box into shape at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMzNtCkVbic>

December Holiday Party

A good time was had by all.
Thank you for coming, sending in your RSVP and for bringing such wonderful
food and desserts.

