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Coming Up - Owl Harbor Events and Delta Loop Happenings

March Madness

Super Bowl 50 is now behind us and I hope your team won. We had a great time watching it in the clubhouse with good friends and good food - and just as many dogs. Next up is the NCAA basketball for all you sports fans! And no, I do not believe we will be watching it in the clubhouse.

Even with all the sports available on TV, we seem to be keeping busy, and focused with our many projects around the marina. We hope to get them all completed before "our season" kick off.

Enjoy this month, we are scheduled for an early spring since the Groundhog did not see his shadow!

Cheers,

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

***March 1st** - New Gate Codes in effect.

***March 10th - 13th** - Sacramento Boat Show at Cal Expo. Discount tickets and information are available at www.sacramentoboatshow.com

***March 13th** - Daylight Savings Time starts.

***March 17th** - Happy St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear your green!

***March 27th** - Easter Day, the office will be closed.

Coming Up:

***April 7-10** - Join in the fun for the Strictly Sail Boat Show NEW location, Craneway Pavilion and Marina Bay Yacht Harbor

***May 7th** - Owl Harbor Nautical Swap Meet. 9-Noon downstairs area of the new office and building.

***Weekly** - Join us Tues thru Thurs for morning stretches in the marina clubhouse. We gather at 8:15 am to do about 15-20 minutes of stretches.

***Every Sunday** - Join us in the clubhouse at 5:00 pm for Pilates, Yoga or Step exercise. We have a few extra mats if you need to borrow one for pilates or yoga, but you will need to bring a step for the step exercise. No experience is necessary - it's just fun and good for you.

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Boating News

Do you need a refresher course on

Is your boat up to safety standards?

This time of year many things come to light with the harsh weather. Here are a couple of things that stand out: 1. Do you have the appropriate size dock lines, are they worn out, 2. Is your shore power cord connected properly to the dock for a secure connection, are the plugs in good condition, 3. Is your bilge pump working? These are questions that you need to check out, if you haven't already.

We tend to have more boating issues during the wetter seasons, and though we do our best to keep an eye on all the boats, the overall care and safety of your boat relies on you. We may secure lines, loan shore power cords or pump out your boat that one time, but continued attention from us means additional costs to you. Be sure all is in working, safe condition so you can enjoy the great boating season ahead.

Marine Tool of the Month

Marine Bilge Shark:

The absorbent foam, Bilge Shark, contains specially selected naturally occurring microbes that absorb and break down pollutants such as oil, gasoline, grease, diesel, kerosene, MTBE, and nitrates. They are 100% environmentally safe, non-toxic, and contain no pathogens.

Available in the Owl Harbor office for \$18.00

The thing with boating is there are always ways to do it better, safer and more cost effective.

There are many boating resources available, and we are looking at providing a few courses in our clubhouse for any of our tenants that may want to "freshen up" their skills or knowledge.

I'm a fan of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary that provide courtesy boat inspections for those that want to be sure their boat is ready should a situation arise.

Some items to consider are; basic boating knots, lesser-known Navigation Aids, do you have the correct PFD, what do I do with my bilge water/oil combo? These are all good questions that you should have the answers to, as well as know what to actually do.

Something else to consider is that a new boating law passed in Sept. 2014 called the CVOC - California Vessel Operator Card. This law will be phased in from January 2018 to 2025.

If you would like more information please visit: www.dbw.ca.gov under Department of Boating and Waterways.

When it comes to sewage, do you know the laws? At Owl Harbor it is illegal for any vessel to dump sewage, period. You may not think a little would hurt, but just think if everyone thought that way. If you live aboard and have not had your head pumped out, there may be an issue with where your waste is going. If you have a porta-potty, we do not allow for dumping in any of our locations on the property - you will need to take it home or locate a facility with porta potty facilities. If you would like to schedule a pump out, it's \$15 for in slip valet pump out, just call the office to be put on the list. We provide this service every Friday and add the charge to your account - very simple and you don't even need to be here. If you would like to borrow the portable caddie to pump your own, just let us know - it's free.



Have you met Winnie?
Our wonderful pump out boat.



News & Noteworthy

The Fitness Room Up and Running

We have already seen people using the fun and relaxing fitness room even though there are a few final touches in the works. There are different types of equipment depending on your likes, but hopefully there is a little something for everyone who wants to make a change in their physique. It's clean, private and only available by registering in the office to get a key and waiver.

Fishing Yet?

From our sources, the fish aren't biting in the San Joaquin too much, but they are taking bites here in Seven Mile Slough. Rich decided to take a little break from working on his boat and caught this nice female black big mouth bass at G dock. I haven't seen any crappie or small fish yet, but it's still a little early in the season. The sea lions hanging out between E and F docks however, don't seem to be having any trouble - don't they know they shouldn't play with their food?

Owl Harbor Nautical Swap Meet May 7th, 2016

Each year we celebrate the Delta here at Owl Harbor by having a fun nautical swap meet. It's a great way to trade goods, sell a few things or just give it to a good home. The hours are from 9-Noon so that you may enjoy the rest of your day boating around the Delta. There are also a few other businesses around the area that are participating in Opening Day on the Delta that you may want to explore.



Reading Material

Here are a few magazines to add to your arsenal that have some good articles, great ideas and suggestions for the sailing boater:

*Latitude 38 (available for free each month in the office)

*Cruising Outpost

*Bay and Delta Yachtsman

*Sail

*Cruising World

*Boating

There are many more, but these are a few basics to get you started.

Gate Code Change

You will receive your new gate code via email as in the years past. Please do not give this code out to anyone. Your security and that of your property is something we take very seriously. We have guest codes available, just call the office and we will give you the current guest code. These codes will be used for the gate as well as the restrooms, laundry and showers.

It's all about boating



Some may wonder, are we a zoo, garden spot, fitness place or marina? Well, we are all the above. We enjoy a way of life that encompasses all things outdoors, especially boating - sail or power boat makes no difference to us. I know many come out when they can to enjoy a quick sail, or motor, depending on the winds, and as I like to say, clean out the cob webs on the boat. It's all good. One thing I do understand though is some people like to be in a group, and others like to be alone and go at their own speed. We hope to provide a little of something for everyone.

For those that would like to see a few more group outings, and you are looking to putting together a cruise, even around the Delta, but would like a venue to see about those interested, I would be happy to be the medium in passing along the information. If I could, I would love to put together some impromptu gatherings of like minded people to just go out for the day, have a water picnic and then head back to home port. There is some incredible knowledge from those that have sailed around this area as to where to go, what to do and what to avoid. It would be a great opportunity for those less Delta traveled sailors to explore in a safe environment.

For those looking to stay a little closer to home port we have the beach cruiser bicycles, horseshoes, the garden (which Kurtis and Javier have producing already), the chickens (have you seen the fast growing chicks?), And the paddle boards for an early spring paddle. We have a naming event going on already for the new chicks and have about 10 out of the 40 named already - come check them out.

You would be surprised by the amount of friends and family members that think you have the greatest place to come and just BE! Why not share some of this with them and give them a little slice of heaven to add to their journey through life - after all, it's all about staying in the moment and leaving your troubles behind. Cheers!

