



## It's Fall Y'all

Welcome to my favorite time of year. The Delta has continued to provide nice warm days with cooler nights and mornings - perfect for working on the boat, or just relaxing. In either case, it's great boating weather.

In this newsletter, you will find a few things to consider, some useful information, and some fun facts. Take what you want and leave the rest; it's not for everyone, but a little something for all.

There are always things changing here at Owl Harbor, so be sure to read all of the newsletter so you don't miss a thing. If you do, you can now view it on our website at [www.OwlHarbor.com](http://www.OwlHarbor.com) to see it again.

A special thank you to those that participated in this year's Coastal Clean Up here at Owl Harbor. We couldn't do it without you. Check Facebook for updated photos.

Our best to you,

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

## Coming Up

\***October 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>** - Fleet Week in San Francisco. Check out what's happening at [www.fleetweeksf.org](http://www.fleetweeksf.org).

\***October 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>** - Rio Vista Bass Derby Festival. Enjoyment for everyone with vendors, car show, music etc.... Visit [www.Bassfestival.com](http://www.Bassfestival.com) for more information.

\***October all month** - Pick your pumpkin at Steamboat Acres pumpkin patch. [www.steamboat acres.com](http://www.steamboat acres.com).

\***October 31<sup>st</sup>** - Our 1<sup>st</sup> Halloween Costume Party and Potluck. Eat, Drink and Be Scary....details inside.

## Interests:

\*Thank you for all the wonderful donations of books, DVD's and games to add to our club-

house fun. It is greatly appreciated by all.

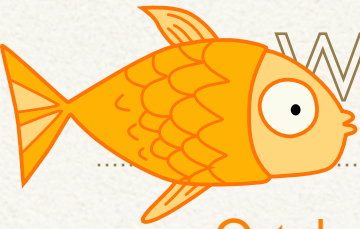
\*The chickens have slowed down for "fall's" pace, plus we have currently reduced our flock size - just temporarily, so eggs are at a premium. New babies will be coming in the months ahead.



Is your boat ready?

Now is the time to prepare your boat for the change in season. Once we are in it, it makes it much harder to resolve any problems. Keep in mind, you may not visit your boat much, but your neighbor may visit their's - be respectful of that, and your boat benefit from it too!

# FISHING REPORT AND OTHER WILDLIFE INFORMATION



## October Fish Report

The weather has been a scorcher the past week and the bite has slowed down quite a bit with the fish moving deep looking for cooler water. Thankfully the forecast is calling for cooler weather this week, but it's supposed to warm up again by next weekend.

A couple weeks ago I had the opportunity to do a little trolling for stripers out on the San Joaquin River with my good buddy Chance from the boat next door. He's a hardcore fisherman and spends almost all his time at the marina with a line in the water. We hit one of my favorite trolling lanes pulling shallow running Rat-L-Traps, and Chance got a take down on the first pass. He played the fish like a pro, giving her just enough drag and pretty soon boated a nice schoolie sized line-side. We had a few more strikes that evening, but they all came unbuttoned. Still not bad for an hour or two out on the beautiful San Joaquin.



Happy Fishing,  
The Reef Geek

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# NAUTICAL GATHERINGS, NEWS AND INFO

Something wicked this way comes...

Halloween Costume Potluck

October 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00 p.m.

The food will be frightening, the drinks will make your skin crawl, what else would you expect, for it's Halloween, after all.

So wear your best costume and dress if you dare,  
for witches and warlocks you best beware!

The best costume gets green, of that there will be ample,

Please bring your worst dish for us all to sample.

Meet in the clubhouse at 6:00 p.m. to get started,

For Mother Owl will be there with the dearly departed!

Food, Music, Dance, Fun and Drinks!

## Q & A with Mother Owl - Will be back in November

**In Days Gone By:** Fred and Ursula (one of our long standing tenants - 30+ years now), shared a "July 1985 Stuffer" with me that I thought all would enjoy.

The marina had just installed a new head on Dock 8, and they were having a contest to "Naming the Head". You thought I was bad naming all the animals! They had the following suggestions: The Blue Room, The Women's Club, Looie the 8<sup>th</sup>, and JC 8<sup>th</sup>. They mentioned that during this time "Wildlife has been abundant". The foghorn sound that sounds like a frog is actually a bittern. The green snakes you may encounter are endangered and only found in the Delta (all snakes in the Delta are harmless). They also can swim like fish. Please do not kill these creatures they are our friends. The rent was just being increased and for a 30' slip it was going to be \$79.00 a month, 40' was \$99.00!

Some things have stayed the same, but like most things, change has happened too. All in all, still the most incredible, unique, wonderful place around!

# SPOT LIGHT

## People of Interest.....

Sea Turtle is usually something you don't want to be called because of the "rolling over" factor. But, Walt and Jan Robinson wouldn't have it any other way. Their Cruise a Home, Sea Turtle, has had many trips around the Delta, and is the perfect boat to not "roll over".

Walt and Jan started coming to Owl Harbor many years ago when their two sons were much littler - on a sailboat. They traveled around the Delta exploring and having a wonderful family time. I have heard many fun and interesting stories of their travels with the boys that just make your face hurt from laughing. After years of sailing, they decided to get a Cruise a Home to relax a little more and have more space for growth.

They are both retired now, have done the boat thing with putting lots of money into Sea Turtle, and now share the boat with not only their boys, but their wives and grandchildren.

We are so lucky to have the family come every summer and spend time here at Owl Harbor. I adore the children and they totally love helping with the animals, chickens and anything else. You can see them gathering eggs on our Facebook page.

Their boat is the cleanest in the marina I think, considering they wash her down every time they come out. They love

to travel to Mandeville and anchor in the beauty. Jan loves to swim in the waters!

They got me hooked on drumstick ice creams, which is why we now carry them in the office - thanks so much.

We are so lucky to have such wonderful friends in Walt and Jan, and glad that they have continued to call Owl Harbor Sea Turtle's home and their retreat.



## Sweet and Easy Pineapple Empanadas

### Ingredients

- Non-stick cooking spray
- 1 (1-pound) package frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1/3 cup cajeta or thick caramel sauce
- 1/2 cup finely grated Monterrey jack cheese
- 1/4 cup pineapple, peeled and diced into 1/2-inch cubes (about 1 cup)
- 2 eggs, beaten and blended with 1 tablespoon water
- All-purpose flour, for dusting
- 2 tablespoons demarara or light brown sugar
- Special equipment: a 3-inch round cookie cutter or a clean 3-inch diameter can with the top removed

### Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Spray a large baking sheet with nonstick cooking spray. Unfold 1 sheet of puff pastry on lightly floured surface. Using a 3-inch cookie cutter or a 3-inch diameter can with the top removed, cut out 9 circles of dough. Repeat with the remaining puff pastry sheet. Put a scant teaspoon of cajeta in center of each round. Top each with a sprinkling of grated cheese and 3 or 4 pieces of pineapple. Brush the edge of each circle with the egg mixture and enclose each empanada into a half moon. Crimp the edges with fork. Transfer the empanadas to the prepared baking sheet and brush them with the egg mixture. Sprinkle with demarara sugar and bake until golden brown, about 25 to 30 minutes. Transfer the empanadas to a serving platter and serve warm.

