

# WHOO NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2015



## Yes, it's still Summer!

The weather continues to be wonderful and is the perfect time to get out on the water. There are less crowds and the days are a little cooler with beautiful sunrises and sunsets.

We have a plethora of things we are working on; the water weeds, remodeling Don's Bath by F dock, relocating one of the chicken coops, updating the docks with separate hose holders, electrical and water connections, and correcting the little Wi-Fi issue we have run across.

I can tell you the best news for many of you is that the Wi-Fi is being done first. We are adding 4 locations throughout the marina to provide a more reliable signal for getting on line. This also means it will be available on the deck of the new building and in the new clubhouse. Hooray!!

Have a great Labor Day,  
Devery,  
Max, Abby, Twitchell,  
And.... Captain Jack!

## Coming Up

**\*September 5<sup>th</sup>** - Movies on the Green. Last outdoor movie of the season, it will be Captain Ron for those that want to have a good laugh.

**\*September 7<sup>th</sup>** - Labor Day. Make it a long weekend from the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, enjoy!

**\*September 19<sup>th</sup>** - Join in the fun of working together for California Coastal Cleanup Day. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> year participating to show our support and determination to keeping the Delta Waterways Clean. More information is enclosed in this newsletter.

**\*September 23<sup>rd</sup>** - First Day of Autumn! Now is the time to wrap up those "boat projects". See the attached listing for recommended suggestions for preparing for fall.

## Interests:

We have games, cards, dominoes, dice and other fun items available to use in the Owl Harbor Clubhouse for your pleasure. The DVD lending library has a good selection, and thank you to the avid book readers for donating the great reads.



All information is now coming by Email - be sure I have your current email address or let me know if you do not receive it!

Thank you.

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# FISHING REPORT AND OTHER WILDLIFE INFORMATION

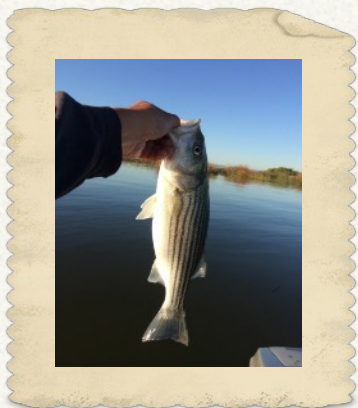


Stripers are moving back up from the Bay and they're chasing the shad all the way to our end of Seven Mile Slough. Catching a couple dozen shakers with the occasional legal sized keeper mixed in can make for a fun day, and maybe some fish tacos for dinner. Trolling Rat-L-Traps shallow in and around the mouth of the slough or along the weeds out on the San Joaquin during the out-go tide is the ticket. Topwater plugs and poppers are good at the tops and bottoms of the tides, usually in the early mornings before the sun hits the water. It's not uncommon to see bait boiling right behind the boat slips sometimes and that means the stripers are right behind them in a feeding frenzy. Tossing Kastmasters off the dock fingers is great fun without having to venture out on the water.

Have you noticed an increase in bird activity - on your boat? The best resource is the red or silver flash tape to protect your boat from either the droppings or nests on your boat. Swallows and Starlings return each year to the same location for mating and laying their eggs. They can lay between 2-3 clutches in a season. So, if a bird seems to like your boat, it's not coincidence, its home.

We have seen an increase in spiders, and the types of spiders. The most common right now seem to be those that make "orb webs". They are harmless other than being a bit on the scary side and of course messy. They can make a web overnight, so you better be tenacious in your web cleaning, otherwise, you will lose.

The one thing we haven't had - or missed, have been the swarms of bees; yellow jackets, wasps, or hornets. There are many pesticides to rid yourself of all these, but we are more for just keeping up on cleaning your boat the natural way - it's safer on everyone and everything.



Happy Fishing,  
The Reef Geek

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# NAUTICAL GATHERINGS, NEWS AND INFO

- \* This is the last month for movies on the green, but stay tuned for movies in the Owl Harbor Clubhouse in the months ahead.
- \*The Coastal Cleanup sign up sheet is in the office to participate in this event. We will meet at 9:00 am on the marina deck and assign areas and teams. This year there will be some fun surprises to shake things up and keep it exciting. We will wrap up at noon with a BBQ lunch and the surprises!
- \* Start preparing now for the October Halloween Ball - yes, costumes and pumpkins!

## Q & A with Mother Owl

- Q: Dear Mother Owl: I have a neighbor that keeps using my outlet, what should I do?
- A: Dear Power Hungry: Please inform the office, Kurtis or Devery, so we may notify the neighbor that they are using the wrong unit. Some of the outlet numbers have faded or the tenant is not aware of which one is theirs - either way, we will be happy to let them know.
- Q: Dear Mother Owl: What is the Owl Harbor Clubhouse for? Or how can a person use it?
- A: Dear Club Member: We weren't too sure ourselves how the clubhouse would be used - especially how it's evolved. But here's what we know so far: Our tenants are welcome to come hang out, read, play games or whatever during business hours. After hours, the clubhouse can be rented - see Devery for rates and to get on the schedule.
- Q: Dear Mother Owl: I'm looking at buying a new boat - will my rent be the same as it was for the same size slip?
- A: Dear Happy Sailor: Earlier this year we changed the rate structure to the industry standard of charging for the greater of "the boat Length Over All" (LOA) or the "Actual Slip Length", but we grandfathered all existing boats that were paying less than the Actual Slip Length. For example, if you have a 25' boat in a 30' slip, you are currently paying for the boat LOA of 25'. But, if you bring a new 25' boat to the marina, the rate charged will be for the 30' slip. It amounts to a little more, but hope you feel like it's worth it to have your new boat be at Owl Harbor.

## Preparing your Boat for Fall

1. Check your dock lines - weather, wear and time do a number on these.
2. Clean out your scuppers .
3. Check your windows and seals .
4. Tie those halyards.
5. Tie down all items - if it isn't tied down, consider it gone.

Get working on these items while enjoying the wonderful weather.

## Boating Safety

Do you know the rules of the water ? Do you know if your boat is adequately stocked with the right emergency tools? The resources to getting this information are free, and it's even fun. Check out the following sites to start your arsenal of smart boating tools:

[www.USCGBoating.Org](http://www.USCGBoating.Org) - US Coast Guard  
[www.USPS.Org](http://www.USPS.Org) - US Power Squadron



# SPOT LIGHT

## People of Interest.....

Daryl and Patty are pretty new to Owl Harbor, but they have become very comfortable as part of this special community. Their stay with us started out for a week last year during the Delta Doo Dah, but quickly turned into a 3 month stay. They are avid boaters, racers, sailors, kayakers, and stand up paddlers - no matter what body of water they are in. Daryl retired early, about 10 years ago, and decided to start his own consulting firm. He has worked with many companies, large and small, and has very interesting stories to share about where those clients have taken him. His journey has been one of working with companies from startup to well established, and from the Bay Area to overseas. He has crewed on many vessels bringing them to their new homes, and as you can imagine, has experienced a lot. His wonderful wife Patty is currently working, but I think if Daryl could, he would whisk her away. They have children and just recently had another grandchild - they even tried to gather them all up to spend some time at Owl Harbor. It didn't work out, much like herding cats, but have an open door for them to come visit.

Until then, you will see Patty on her SUP, or kayaking, or you may see both of them traveling up and down Seven Mile Slough in their new - or rather old - 1961 Saber Craft they call "Red". Their more comfortable surroundings however are on Lucy, their Beneteau 361. Their home port is in Alameda, which we don't hold against them. We just love having them stay with us for as long as they like.

They both always have smiles on their faces that are so contagious, it's making me smile right now!



## GRILLED STRIPED BASS



- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
  - 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
  - Few sprigs thyme or oregano
  - 2 garlic cloves, smashed
  - 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
  - 4 fillets striped bass, skin on (about 6 ounces each)
  - Coarse salt
  - Fresh chives, cut into 3/4-inch lengths, for garnish (optional)
  - Lemon wedges, for garnish (optional)
- Directions

Combine oil, lemon juice, thyme or oregano, garlic, and pepper in a large shallow bowl. Add fish to marinade, and turn to coat; cover with plastic wrap, and place in the refrigerator 30 minutes.

Heat a grill or grill pan over medium-high heat. Remove fish from marinade, letting excess drip off. Place on grill, skin side down, and season with salt. Grill until skin is lightly browned and starting to crisp. Carefully turn fillets, and cook until well browned and cooked through (center will be opaque), 5 to 6 minutes. Garnish with chives and lemon wedges, if desired. Serve hot or at room temperature.