



April 2019
Whoo News

Hopefully everyone has received and stored your new gate codes, they changed March 1. This happens every March and then through out the remainder of the year, the guest codes (which you are providing your guests for entry into the marina), are changed with regularity, so be sure to contact us for the current guest code.

April showers bring May flowers! With the amount of rain we have been having, I would say we are in for good weather for all the fun we are planning for this summer at the marina. When you see page 3, you will see a lot of new and welcoming activities to do and take part in here at the marina, hope you can join us. One thing in particular is our Annual Nautical Swap Meet - time to do some spring cleaning and clear the decks. Make your plans, and we'll see you on the water!



Celebrating our 10 Year Anniversary

We have set the date for our big celebration, and we think you won't want to miss it. Save the dates and mark your calendar for August 16th - 18th. Yes, you read correctly, it is a three day event that will be filled with fun, laughter, food, family and friends. To better wet your whistle think "Summer Camp" all rolled into one weekend. We will be sending out invitations shortly, but we wanted to give you a heads up, because at the first sign of the sun, we know you will be making your plans for the beautiful Delta weather (we want to be sure to get on your "list of Summer to do's").

We are excited to share this celebration with all who have helped make Owl Harbor what it is today - special!

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

Preparing for Summer, here are some "Must Do's" for your list

Pacific Sail & Power Boat

Show



PACIFIC SAIL & POWER BOAT SHOW

April 4-7, 2019

Thur, Fri, Sat, : 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

This is a great way to start the boating season by attending the boat show. Check the schedule for seminars, special events and boat demonstrations. For more information, please check out:

www.PacificBoatShow.com

Owl Harbor Nautical

Swap Meet



May 4th, 2019

8:00 am - Noon

Always a great time, and a great start to do your spring cleaning. This free event is a chance to buy, trade and sell all kinds of nautical goods. Each year this event keeps growing, and there is always something for everyone. If you have any questions, please call us: 916-777-6055

Gentle, yet firm, reminders.....

What does 5 mph look or feel like? It is slow; a person can walk next to you while you drive and go the same speed. We hear so many times, "I didn't think I was going that fast"! If you have to "THINK" about it at all, then you are going too fast. We have signs at the gate, keypad, throughout the marina. We need you to be sure to let your guests, workers, washers, friends, family all know - this is a no nonsense policy.

We provide a garbage and recycle cart at the head of each dock, be sure to use them accordingly. We can ONLY take regular household trash; no boat parts, décor, BBQ parts, paint etc... Thank you for your cooperation!



Dock Walker Kits Now Available in the Office

We are always looking at providing you with helpful boating information, and we are happy to partner with Dept. of Boating and Waterways to provide 2019 boating kits - for FREE. The kits are full of useful products; phone numbers, maps, oil pad, fuel pad, 2019 Tide Books and more.



We have these available in the office and take about 4 minutes to complete a survey, review and head out with your Boat Clean and Green Kit. Stop by and see Jeannie or Devery to pick yours up and be prepared.

Insurance Recommendation

We recently had one of our tenants do the one thing that we all dread "put water in the fuel tank". They were able to get it cleaned out, but the more important part came when they checked with their insurance company to see if any part might be covered. With a couple of questions asked by the provider, they promptly sent a reimbursement (less their deductible) with no hassles.

It is always great to hear good stories about things, and when one of them is about insurance, that's always nice to hear. Who was this provider; State Farm.

Arts & Crafts

There is nothing quite as fun as getting together with friends and working on craft projects. This year we thought we would set aside an occasional evening during the week to start, continue, or finish up some of these projects. We are planning on having some "teachings" by our one and only Kurtis, as well as other crafty people starting Wednesday May 1, 5:00pm - 8:00pm.

Time to maintain your toys

You are a responsible boater; you check your dock lines, tie your halyards so they don't clank, and you wear your PFD. Every time you are on the water, you have that PFD on. Then one day, while paddling in your kayak, you gingerly touch where the Co 2 cylinder goes, and for the first time, you realize - "Oh my gosh, there is no cylinder in this vest!" Four years I've been wearing this vest, and thank goodness I never needed to "test the waters" so to speak.

So, as we approach daylight savings time, with more light hours in the day to get more done, try spending a little time "tuning up" not only your boat, but the things that quite honestly, may save a life, possibly yours. Before you know it, you will be coming to your boat to head out to your favorite anchorage and bummer, your toys are broken.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Marina Activities

If you haven't seen the Owl Harbor calendar of events on the website, here they are for adding to your calendar.

- March 1 Gate Codes have changed.
- April 4-7 Pacific Sail & Power Boat Show, Booth E-04
- May 4 Owl Harbor Nautical Swap Meet
- June 15 Owl Harbor Annual Dinghy Poker Run
- August 16-18 Owl Harbor 10 year Anniversary Celebration
- October 26 "Howl" Harbor Halloween Pumpkin Carving & Chili Cook-Off Potluck
- December 8 Owl Harbor Holiday Potluck

In keeping with the theme of adding new activities to the marina, here are a few more:

Wednesday Workshops - this will be arts and crafts (pottery, rock painting, lanyard making, etc...)

Sunday On The Water - We will meet at the office at 4:00, bring your water toy (no motors) or borrow one of ours, to paddle, kayak, row for some relaxing time with friends on the water.

CPR Class - FREE ½ day (3 hours) to be held June 8, @ 9:00 a.m. in the clubhouse. This will not be a certification course, but you will be able to learn from a professional instructor and practice the techniques needed on all ages, for using an AED and CPR unit. Please sign up for this class in the office.

Island Walk - Join in a regular monthly levee walk. Go as far as you like, at your own pace, to discover wildlife and learn about Twitchell Island.

Anchor Out - Join the Owl Harbor boaters in a casual trip and Anchor Out at Mandeville. We will travel out together, have a potluck that night and then travel back the next day. The date is TBD

Getting Ready for Gardening.....

It's that time of year again where we plow the earth for the growing to begin. This year we are doing things a little different to better control weeds and provide a better growing season for all. Those interested in having a spot, there will be a \$10 charge and a plot will be provided for you. Like last year, you will need to meet with Kurtis to discuss the policies in what water systems will be approved. We will be providing the black plastic. Please let us know by April 15th if you would like to have a spot. Thank you!

Boating Classes

We study, test drive, then on the big day, we take a written and driving test to get our driver's license. Having "hands on experience" is great, but let's face it, there are many benefits to taking a boating class to know more, and the correct "more", not the "I think this is the way". This may be the perfect time to freshen up your skills before you get too busy - check em out, you may just learn a little something you didn't know. Ask us for suggestions, we are happy to help.

365-Day Fishing Legislation Introduced

From the Marine Recreation newsletter, here is some good angling news for those fishing fans .

Assemblymember Jim Wood (D-Santa Rosa) has authored Assembly Bill 1387, state legislation that will transition California's calendar-based fishing license to one that is valid a full 365-days from the date of purchase and a mobile phone app that makes fishing easier and more accessible. The bill, sponsored by the California Sportfishing League (CSL), is co-authored by Assemblymember James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) and a bipartisan group of 12 other legislators.

Key features of Assembly Bill 1387 (Wood):

- * Replaces California's current calendar-based system for a license that is valid a full 12-months (365 days) from the date of purchase. There will be no increase in the fee charged for the 365-day license (same as calendar license).

- * Requires the CDFW to create an app where anglers can display sport fishing and hunting licenses on mobile devices. Several states

offer mobile phone apps that provide anglers information on fishing locations, regulations, fish stocking schedules, campground reservations and more.

- * Allows anglers to sign up for automatic license renewals. Florida implemented an auto-renewal system in 2015, increasing renewal rates by about 4%.

The solution is simple - California should follow the lead of other states that have implemented a fishing license that is valid a full 365-days from the date of purchase. Because this license provides better value for the buck, many states have experienced greater sales and greater revenue.

To build political support for AB 1387, sign CSL's online petition. Also if you are a member of a fishing or business organization, we urge you to join our coalition.

R3 Action Plan

As part of a national movement, the CSL is working closely with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and other stakeholders to increase fishing participation rates by developing an R3 Action Plan focused on the Recruitment,

Retention and Reactivation of California hunters and anglers.
2018 Fishing License Sales Analysis

Since January of 2017, annual resident license sales revenue increased 3.25% and sales increased .37%. The slight uptick from 2017 was not sufficient enough to reverse a long-term trend. Annual resident fishing sales have declined 55% since 1980, while the population has increased over 60%. In 1980, 2.2 million annual sport fishing licenses were sold compared to only 1 million today.

During Governor Jerry Brown's eight years in office (2011-18) annual resident fishing license sales marginally increased 1.58% while revenue increased 12.94%. The increase in revenue can be attributed in large part to the State increasing the price of licenses five times in eight years. During Brown's term in office, annual fishing license prices increased 11.18% percent.

Today, California's fishing license program remains among the costliest in the country, second only to the State of Washington. With permits, California is the costliest state in the country and according to an outdoor economist, California's fishing license structure is financially unsustainable.

If you are interested in more information or supporting this legislative bill, please visit :www.savefishing.com or www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov

Be sure to pass this information along to others that enjoy the outdoor activities that get bogged down by policies.