

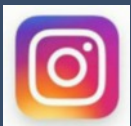


May 2020

Whoo News

We have made some changes at Owl Harbor during this pandemic, but are ready to get back to "normal". Until we get the final ok from the governor, we will continue social distancing protocol around the marina and office, but will be adjusting the business hours back to our Monday - Saturday 8:00 to 4:30 and Sunday 10:00 to 4:00 schedule. We appreciate you being considerate and doing your part to keep things clean and safe, keep up the good work. This means that until further notice, you are welcome to come to your boat, work on your boat, and stay on your boat, but please do not bring guests. We are all doing our part to be socially responsible and keep all safe.

Here's to all the Mothers for a special day May 10th - pick up a one of kind piece of pottery art from our very own Kurtis in the office. It will be a special item for her to enjoy.



Wonderful days ahead.....

As of this letter we are still sheltering in place, but we all feel the days ahead will be changing with sunshine and boating pleasure. Hopefully you have made the necessary fixes, repairs and changes you wanted to get your boat out on the water this year, and if you haven't, there is still time, what are you waiting for? We are still working on the Nautical Swap Meet date so keep collecting those items for the sale - I have a feeling it's going to be great. In the

Meantime, happy May Day to our favorite people!

Keep having fun and stay safe,

Devery, Max, Twitchell and Captain Jack Sparrow

Event Plans

We have not yet set the new date for the Swap Meet, but hopefully a few of the other plans we have lined up will be able to take place.

June 19-21

Join us for our Owl Harbor Cruise Out and Raft Up for Summer Sailstice. As it gets closer we will get all the details out to you, but in the meantime, mark your calendars.

July 18

Owl Harbor Fishing Tournament. This is a fun day filled with what else, fishing. There will be a number of categories and prizes for those fisher persons.

The 30th Annual Delta Ditch Run, June 6-7, is currently on hold, but we can hope it will be able to be held.

Some things to consider.....

With a little more time on your hands than you might like, here are some ideas to keep you busy, and boating sharp, while you wait out the time.

BoatUS: 8 Ways to Love Boating While Safely Waiting Out Coronavirus

For recreational boaters who are staying off the water during the coronavirus pandemic, there's certainly more free time during what should be the busy spring launch season. So if boaters can't get to their boats, what are they to do?

Here are eight ways from Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) to keep the love of boating alive that could also make you a better, safer boat operator.

1. Become a smarter sailor while saving big bucks by taking Offshore Sailing School's Learn to Sail or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Modern Marine Navigation courses free any time through May 15. Use the coupon code "learnfree" at [BoatUS.org/Courses](https://www.boatus.org/Courses) at registration.
2. Checklists are great when you really need them — just ask the person at the boat ramp who forgot to install the hull drain plug. What kind of printed, laminated checklist would be helpful to have aboard? Ideas include: pre-launch checklist, trailering checklist (did you remember to cross the safety chains?), and safety checklist.
3. Whether you're an inshore day cruiser, offshore angler, or cruising sailor, you always need to be prepared to abandon ship. Here's what to pack in a ditch kit, visit [www.Boatus.com](https://www.boatus.com) for details.
4. Docking can be a spectator sport. The BoatUS How to Dock a Boat YouTube playlist includes a range of docking scenarios that show you how, from outboard to inboard powered boats. It also includes 'How to Back a Single Engine Inboard Boat Into a Slip' – the single most impressive recreational boat docking maneuver of them all.
5. If the boat and trailer are safely in the garage or driveway, now may be the time to look at all the things you never have enough time to, such as replacing outdrive anodes, changing trailer bearings or restoring the shine to gelcoat. It's all in one place at BoatUS Trailer Boat YouTube playlist, including small boat handling tips such as 'How to Use Trim Tabs,' the most-watched BoatUS video ever.
6. Learn how to tie up your family, pets or anything else around the house with help from the BoatUS Essential Boating Knots YouTube playlist. Practicing at home now will make these knots easier to remember aboard the boat when the pandemic is over.
7. Consider supporting the waterfront businesses you enjoy and do business with – restaurants, chandleries, prop shops, sail lofts or other service providers – by purchasing a gift certificate. You can start by going to the local businesses' website to see if they are available.
8. Help protect the water you love and take the free, online BoatUS Foundation Clean Boating course, which offers simple steps you can take to reduce the impact boating activities on our waterways.

For more ideas, visit Boat US. They are always prepared with great new tools, aps and gear to make your boating safe

and fun.

Housekeeping

We are getting to the busy time of year where many visitors and clubs will be coming in to enjoy all that Owl Harbor and the Delta have to offer - a piece of paradise with warm weather and great water. It is a little more difficult, for us regulars, to go along as we do with our routines and rules in place, it requires more patience and understanding for us to share the safety and kindness that we have worked hard to obtain. In the meantime, we appreciate you keeping these basic policies and information below in mind. They are the foundation of keeping things running smoothly for you to enjoy year round. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know - thank you.

1. Until we get the clearance from Sacramento County, only you and your immediate family members are allowed in the marina on your boat. You can take them out, work on them, and wash them - just no guests at this time in the marina. Please be sure to follow the guidelines of 6' social distancing at all times while at the marina.
2. Not sure why we are still having to mention this, but **THE SPEED LIMIT IN THE MARINA IS 5MPH AT ALL TIMES**. We encourage you to look at your speedometer as you enter the marina to see what 5mph looks and feels like. Please be sure to inform your family and friends (when the time comes) about this policy. Violators will be asked to park outside the gate.
3. The office hours are back to Monday - Saturday from 8:00 - 4:30 PM and Sunday 10:00 - 4:00 PM
4. In slip valet pump outs are being completed on **Thursdays's not Fridays**. If you would like a pump out, please contact us no later than Wednesday evening for a reservation. You do not need to be present, you need only to be sure the "Y" valve is in the correct position for pumping. Pump outs up to 20 gallons are \$15.00, anything over that amount is a \$30.00 charge. Emergency pump outs are \$45.00.
5. As a reminder, you are allowed to stay 3 nights/4 days on your vessel in a week. If you need to stay longer, please see Devery in the office to discuss.
6. Restrooms and Laundry Facilities are cleaned every **Monday and Thursday**. Please note that the main facilities located at the office are **closed during cleaning hours** of 8:00 - 1:00 PM to be sure they are sanitized and ready for you to use. The dock facilities are cleaned after the main are completed. We have sanitizers located in the restrooms, by the front office door and in the office for your use. Please be sure to wash thoroughly when entering or leaving these multi use areas. Remember others use these facilities as well and appreciate keeping them clean and safe.
7. The laundry facilities should be checked before you leave to make sure you have not left items behind, or debris in the washers or dryers. We appreciate you checking your pockets and removing items that should not be washed. Money found in the machines we do appreciate!). Please do not wash work towels, oily rags or items, pet items or other "heavily soiled" items in the machines - they should only be used for your personal clothing and bath items to keep the machines working smoothly. Affresh wipes are available in the laundry room for you to wipe out the machines when you are done using them. Thank you!

Thank you again for your cooperation in keeping the marina safe and everyone happy!



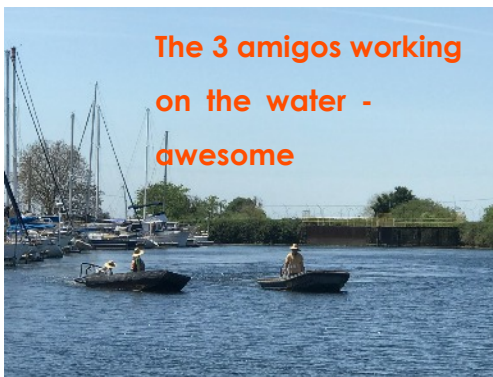
Nesting in place!



Babies Born



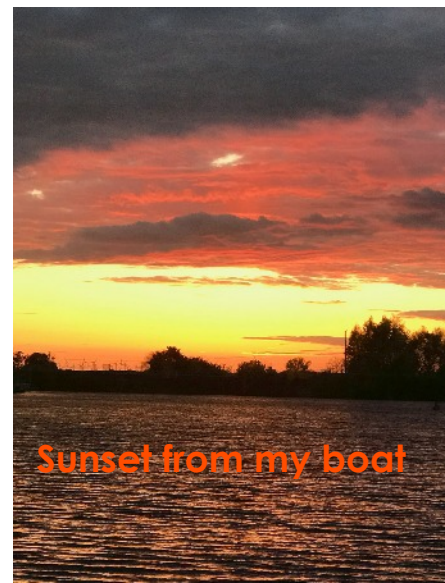
Ready to Eat - NOW!!



**The 3 amigos working
on the water -
awesome**



**One of the 4 Owl Houses on the property.
We have a current count of 21 babies just
born.**



Sunset from my boat



**Long time friends and OH boaters, Freddy and
Ursula flying over the Delta - beautiful**



New baby turtle



On the move - fast!



**Best Garden set up - ever, it's
going to be a great harvest year.**