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The weather in March is always a nice blessing; plenty of sunshine and the thought that summer is just around the corner. With that comes the time to get your boat ready for the season.

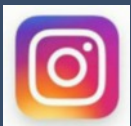
We have a couple of items in this newsletter that are good refreshers and helpful tips in making your time on your boat run smoother. It's also a good time to get that boating card taken care of. If you haven't already take the course, now is a great time to get freshened up for the year ahead.

What do you know about the Delta? Many see the Delta as just water, but there are many great places to explore and learn about, that we hope you add to your "To Do" list for this year. We will feature an article or location in each newsletter throughout this year. Even with social distancing in place, you will be able to secure some local knowledge about this incredible place.

Lastly, I have received many beautiful photo's from our friends here that I think everyone would enjoy. I will be making the last page of the newsletter a photo collage. If you have a picture that makes you smile, breathe easier, or makes you laugh we would love to share it. It must be of something from Owl Harbor and yes, clothes must be worn.

Here's to Spring and the fresh start we are all looking forward to.

Cheers!



Spring is coming - already.....

Getting ready for this beautiful time of year and people are feeling better about life and the world around us. Here at the marina we are planting, painting, and preparing for another busy year ahead. We are hoping to have some gatherings with just our friends from the marina if we get the ok from the powers at be to "be social" in groups. It's a little like a wait and see program that changes daily.

In the meantime, there is still time if you are interested in a garden spot, we will be putting the final touches on the layout and it's not to late to get your plot.

We look forward to seeing you soon on your boat,
Devery, Max, and Captain Jack Sparrow

Current Events and Updates

March 1st, New Gate Codes



March 14th, Spring Forward



March 17th, St. Patrick's Day



March 20th, First Day of Spring



What's in your First-Aid Kit?

I'm sure everyone has one, but how often do you actually review what's in it? Now is the perfect time to get everything lined up so you can spend this year on the water knowing you are prepared. These are some additional suggestions to what you may already have on board (like sunscreen and bee sting wipes).

Keep your crew and your experiences in mind when getting items together.

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| * Scissors | * Sterile Absorbent Pads | * Rolled Gauze | * Tweezers |
| * Syringe without needle | * Saline Solution | * Fabric Tape | * Elastic Bandages |
| * Triangular Bandage | * Large Adhesive Pads | * Instant Cold Pack | * Foil Space Blanket |
| * Disposable Gloves | * Burn Cream | * Alcohol Wipes | * Storage Container |
| * Aspirin | * Ibuprofen | * Acetaminophen | * Cotton Swabs |
| * Sam Splint | * Antiseptic ointment/spray | * Eye Wash | * Duct Tape |
| * Individually wrapped medications | | * Calamine Lotion | |

You can surely add many more items to your already stocked arsenal, but this is a good start. After all, it only takes one incident to need any of these items. Be prepared and be safe.

Where's your favorite place to go in the Delta?

We would love to know where you like to go; by land or by water, in the Delta. Whether it's your favorite anchorage or favorite place to eat.

I can share that I now have a favorite restaurant; Manny's Barzzeria in Isleton. They have great pasta, unique pizzas and the best peach cobbler dessert. I love going there and supporting them every chance I get. They have been open for over a year (the hardest possible time for a new restaurant). It will be a great place during warmer nights for outdoor dining in their relaxing patio.



Boater Card Information

There are many sites that offer testing to obtain the California Boater's Card. Here is one site for viewing

- January 1, 2018 – Persons 20 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2019 – Persons 25 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2020 – Persons 35 years of age or younger
- January 1, 2021 – Persons 40 years of age or younger

The card is issued by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW). DBW began issuing the California Boater Card on Dec. 1, 2017. The lifetime card fee is \$10. The lost card replacement fee is \$5.

Once DBW has received your application, proof of education and payment, you will receive a 90-day temporary boater card by email. You should receive your official boater card by mail within 60 days.

In 2018, DBW accepted proof of passing an approved course taken between Jan. 1, 2015 – Dec. 31, 2017. As of Jan. 1, 2019, DBW will only accept proof of passing approved boater education courses taken since Jan. 1, 2018. Older courses may not include recent state or national changes to navigation law.

<https://boatercard.parks.ca.gov/Application>

Welcome to the Delta.....

Here's the start of a story that I found to be very interesting about our beautiful Delta.

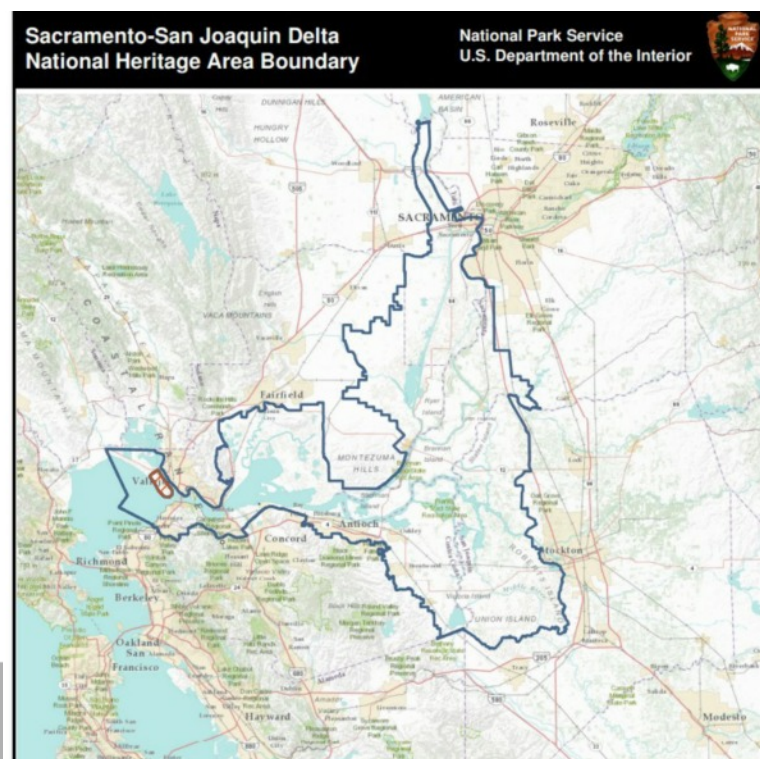
After years of tireless efforts by Congressman John Garamendi and Senator Dianne Feinstein, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area was created on March 12, 2019 when the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act was signed into law. Although there are now 55 National Heritage Areas (NHAs) nationwide, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta NHA is California's first.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta NHA traces back to the 2009 Delta Reform Act, which charged the Delta Protection Commission with developing a proposal to protect, enhance, and sustain the unique cultural, historical, recreational, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place. The proposal would include a plan to establish state and federal designation of the Delta as a place of special significance, which may include application for a federal designation of the Delta as a National Heritage Area.

The Commission completed an NHA Feasibility Study in 2012, incorporating public involvement throughout its process via public meetings and presentations, stakeholder interviews, review memos, and study team meetings. The National Park Service reviewed and found that the Feasibility Study met the criteria for NHA designation, subject Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area to Congressional approval. The study was submitted to Congress for consideration and to the Delta Stewardship Council for inclusion in the Delta Plan. Prior to Congressional designation, the Commission embarked on the Delta Heritage Area Initiative to advance and elevate recognition of the Delta's unique values.

What are National Heritage Areas? National Heritage Areas (NHAs) are designated by Congress as places where natural, cultural, historic, and recreation resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape. NHAs are a grassroots, community-driven approach to heritage conservation and economic development. Designated local coordinating entities collaborate with communities to determine how to make heritage relevant to local interests and needs.

NHAs support historic preservation, natural resource conservation, recreation, heritage tourism, and educational projects through public-private partnerships. National Park Service provides technical assistance and distributes matching federal funds to NHA entities. NHAs have no effect on water rights, property rights, or hunting and fishing rights within the designated area.



Thank you Jackie for sharing.

