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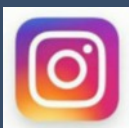
Whoo News

Have you ever heard of "Dockwalkers"? For those of you that have, great job, that means you know what they do and know the importance to the waters and the environment here in California.

As the environment around us continues to change, Dockwalkers try to meet boaters, new and experienced, to be sure they know some of the basics in boating "Clean and Green". This information is presented in a short meet and greet (safety precautions in place) to be sure you know what to do or where to go for good boating practices (or as a refresher course).

It takes 5-10 minutes, you get a great Owl Harbor bag filled with great items; tide calendar, oil absorbent pillow, diaper pad, fueling bibb, ABS's of California Boating, Environmental Boating Laws pamphlet, and more. All items are to help you be or continue to be a smart boater in the beautiful waterways of California.

Just stop by the office and meet with Devery to answer a few questions and you are good to go - armed with some useful tools.



Happy May Day

May Day has a long and varied history dating back millennia. May Day took on a new meaning, as an International Worker's Day. That May Day grew out of the 19th century labor movement for worker's rights and an eight-hour workday in the United States. Beltane, the Celts of the British Isles, believed May to be the most important day of the year helping to celebrate the return of life and fertility to the world. Have you heard of the "Maypole Dance"? Though the dance never took root in America, discouraged by the Puritans, May Basket Day instead was celebrated baskets of flowers, candies and other treats were hung on the doors of friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

No matter what you believe, I think we all can have a reason to celebrate this year with health, peace, and kindness to all. Maybe if you can't see your loved ones, drop a surprise treat at their door - no better way to add a smile and memories.

Cheers,

Devery, Max, and Captain Jack Sparrow

Current Events and Updates

May 9th - Happy Mother's Day



May 31 Memorial Day



June 12-13 Delta Ditch Run

June 18-20 Owl Harbor Cruise Out



Delta History continued.....from April

The Delta Cities that Moved the Earth

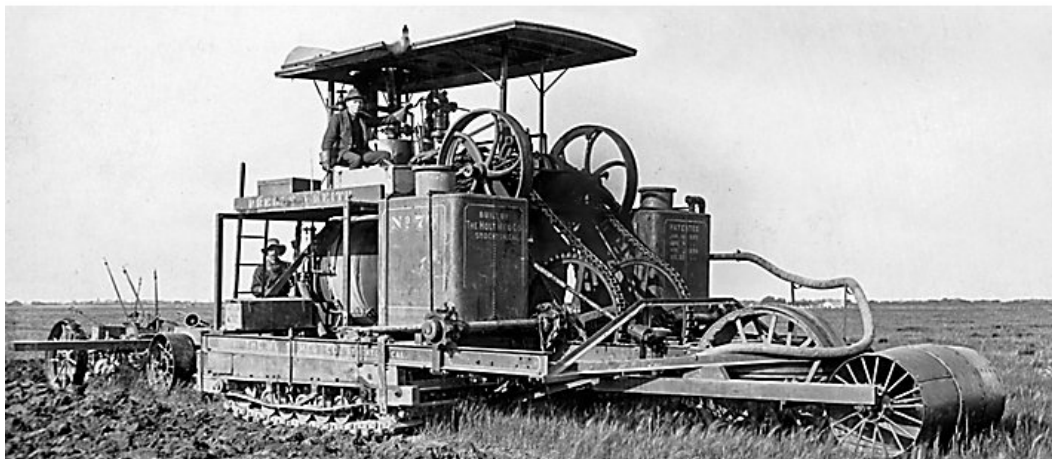
The proverb “Necessity is the mother of invention” was never truer than in the early days of Delta agriculture and reclamation. The Delta is well known for its rich peat soils, but this same soil made plowing and planting extremely difficult. Horses and mechanical equipment often sank and became stuck. Peat soil was also a poor material for building the levees that were supposed to protect newly reclaimed farmland and communities. “Tule shoes”, which functioned like snowshoes for horses, were one of the first inventions to deal with peat soils. While tule shoes didn’t quite catch on, subsequent inventions transformed agriculture and earthmoving around the world and made the Delta - Rio Vista and Stockton in particular - the epicenter of agricultural and earthmoving technology.

The most famous of these inventions was developed by the Holt Manufacturing Company, located at the corner of Church and Aurora Streets in Stockton. Benjamin Holt followed his brothers to California from New Hampshire in 1883 and established himself in manufacturing wooden wagon wheels, combine harvesters, and steam traction engines. In 1904, he first demonstrated a steam-powered machine that moved on self-laying tracks, which were able to move better on the soft Delta soils. The “Caterpillar” tractor soon became a machine that was used not just in agriculture, but for construction and warfare as well, and inspired the design of modern tanks.

Holt’s tractors served as the foundation of Robert G. LeTourneau’s work as a mechanic, contractor, and manufacturer. LeTourneau opened one of the first automobile repair shops in Stockton and eventually started a contracting and manufacturing company there that pioneered earthmoving technology. He was single-handedly responsible for 299 patents, including the mechanized bulldozer, electric wheel drive, scrapers, dredges, portable cranes, rollers, dump wagons, bridge spans, logging equipment, and the offshore oil platform. His factories across the United States supplied 70% of the heavy earth-moving equipment used by the Allied forces during World War II.

Five years after Benjamin Holt’s death in 1920, the Caterpillar Tractor Company moved to Peoria, Illinois to be closer to sources of steel. Eventually, Caterpillar convinced LeTourneau’s company to follow them to Peoria. The Delta town of Holt - site of the first demonstration of the Caterpillar tractor - and Benjamin Holt Drive and Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy in Stockton serve as reminders of Holt’s significant contributions to the Delta. Unlike Holt, there is very little to mark LeTourneau’s time in Stockton - unless you count every plowed field and levee that you see.

You can learn more about the Holt and LeTourneau inventions and legacy at the Haggin Museum in Stockton and San Joaquin County Historical Museum in Lodi.



Are you ready for summer????????

It is already looking like a great summer boating season - and a warm one. In preparation I thought it would be a good idea to pass along some useful tips so you are able to enjoy all your time at Owl Harbor and your boat.

1. Make reservations early for reserving picnic areas. We have 5 areas with tables, bbq, garbage/recycle, and a little more privacy for your use. There is a form, of course, that will need to be completed along with your guests information, and a minimal charge for them to stay. During May - October cancellations of areas must be made with a minimum of 1 week notice for a full refund.
2. Please, do not give out your personal gate code. We are happy to provide you with a guest code (that changes frequently) for you to provide your family and friends. This is for the safety and security of everyone at the marina.
3. You are responsible for your guests while they are in the marina. This means explaining to them the mph speed limit while driving in the marina, and how strict we are in that limit.
4. We are tuning up the paddle boards, kayaks (yes we have some additions to this area), and the bicycles. We do our best to be sure everything is in working order, but if something is not working properly, please let us know. As a reminder, do not keep these items at your dock or boat, please return them so others may use them.
5. The garden should start producing near the end of May, just in time for the holiday kick off of Memorial Day weekend. Any items ready for harvest, we will always have at the office for you to take. Please remind yourself and guests that the garden is for admiring only.
6. If you need any boat items, or any items found at West Marine, provide Devery with a list of the model number and let's see if we can save you some money by checking our cost. As a reminder, we are happy to look anything up so you can compare prices. It never hurts to save where you can.
7. We are working hard at separating the garbage and recycle and would like to continue to ask for your help in this area. During the busy summer, with more people comes more trash and recycle. This creates a full cart sooner than it's able to be picked up. Breaking down the items and making sure that the correct items actually go in the correct cart is a big help. If you are not sure, please ask.
8. Time to wash the boats and get them ready. We will be letting you know if your boat is in need of attention, so now may be a good time to be proactive and come give her a bath. The birds and bees are in full swing.
- 9.. We appreciate your help in continuing to make Owl Harbor Marina a very special place. We would like to thank you for your continued support, respect, and friendship and want to wish you all a summer to remember. Don't forget to mark your calendars for our Tenant BBQ and Dinghy Poker Run on July 31. Hopefully masks will be optional - ?

Did you know?

You can order line from us through West Marine and get the ends whipped, spliced or any other configuration you might need (even add shackles). It's as simple as ordering 1, 2, 3, and the line gets delivered directly here with no delivery charges. Come to the office and see Devery to check out the information.

Being on the water with friends
is what it's all about!

