

WHOO NEWS

FEBRUARY 2025



Love is in the Air

The days have been quite lovely with blue skies and warm sun hitting your face. Funny enough, looks like the weather is going to leave this month with a rain flurry. This first month has flown by and now in the next few months, we will be getting into the rhythm of planning the garden, hiring an office assistant, and preparing for our first event of the season; Super Bowl and Chili Cookoff, Feb. 9.

If you don't have any big plans, stop on by and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow boaters and some tasty food. You don't have to bring chili for the competition, unless of course you have a great recipe you love. Bring a side dish to share, and be sure to B.Y.O.D. because it's a fun, and sometimes yelling, time – you are sure to get parched.

With love in the air on February 14th, make some great plans to spend the day with that special person, or people. Check the weather, and if it's a nice day plan a lunch and spend the day relaxing on your boat – much better than flowers or going out to a busy restaurant.

Stay warm and we will see you soon.

Cheers,

Devery and Captain Jack Sparrow

Preparation is Key

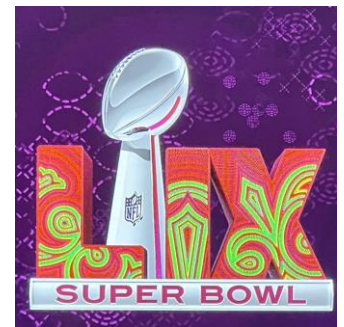
With the winter weather still here, there are a few things to consider:

1. Check your dock lines - frayed lines will break sooner rather than later, and chances are, all 4 lines should be replaced.
2. Check sheets – they loosen with the movement of the boat, so secure them all.
3. Check sails – we always loose at least one jib or sail during the winter weather, don't let it be yours this year.
4. Check your fenders – it's an easy fix, not too expensive considering having to repaint your hull or any other damage.
5. Check items on deck – seriously, if it isn't nailed down, it will disappear in the winds – they always do 😊.
6. Check your scuppers – being in a farm area, there is always peat dirt that plug the drains. Be sure yours are flowing.
7. Check inside your boat – now is the time to find out if you have a leak. Finding out later only creates more headache and could be way worse.

Let us know if you have any concerns regarding your boat, or a neighbor, more eyes are a big help.

February 9th

Chili Cook Off and
Super Bowl Party



February 14th

Happy
Valentine's
Day

February 17th



Bridge Updates

Timeline Extended - Marine Traffic Bridge Closures in SJ County Through March

NOTICE OF EXTENSION Temporary Bridge Closures to Marine Traffic through March 2025

San Joaquin County movable-span bridges will continue to be temporarily closed to marine traffic that requires a bridge opening for Phase 1 construction work through March 29, 2025.

Vehicle traffic will be maintained during construction activities, however, drivers should expect one-lane closures and delays.

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Greatest grass here

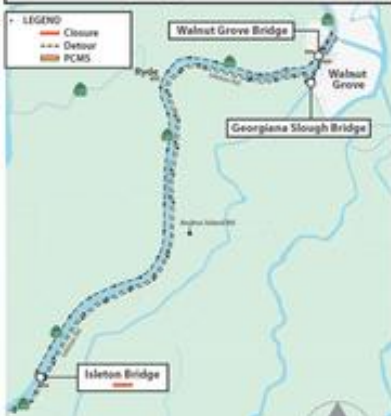


San Joaquin County movable-span bridges will be temporarily closed to marine traffic through **March 29**. The bridges will be open to vehicles but may be reduced to one lane of travel at times.

Affected bridges are the Eight Mile Road Bridge at Honker Cut Canal, the Bacon Island Road Bridge at Middle River, and the Tracy Boulevard Bridge at the Grant Line Canal.

Isleton Bridge Scheduled for Daily Closures Through June 30

Isleton Bridge Closure Detour



The Isleton Bridge on State Route 160 near the city of Isleton will be closed to all motorists during daytime hours into the early evening. The closures are to allow ongoing parts replacements, and mechanical and electrical control system upgrades.

River Road and the Walnut Grove Bridge will be the alternate route.

Closures will take place 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays through **June 30**. Weather conditions could delay or cancel scheduled work on some days.

(*Limnoperna fortunei*)

The highly invasive freshwater Golden Mussel was found in Stockton, California

This is the first discovery of the Golden Mussel in North America.

Golden Mussel collected in October 2024 at the Port of Stockton, California, USA.

Photo: Xavier Mascareñas (Dept. Water Resources)



How to identify it?

- Found mainly in freshwater and brackish water
- Under 1.5 inches in length
- Attaches to hard surfaces
- Shell color is light golden to darker yellowish-brown
- Similar to quagga and zebra mussels



Photo: Xavier Mascareñas (Dept. Water Resources)

A New Mussel to be on the look out for

Golden Mussel impacts

Economic Impacts: Golden Mussels are a **serious economic threat to California's infrastructure**. Mussels can clog water intakes, fish screens, irrigation pumps, and hydropower facilities.

Environmental Impacts: These freshwater mussels are filter feeders that consume large quantities of microscopic organisms, competing with native species and sportfish. **The balance of an entire waterbody can be disturbed.**

Ballast water requirements* to prevent the spread:

- Minimize or avoid the uptake of ballast water in areas known to have Golden Mussels, including the Port of Stockton
- Maintain and calibrate ballast water treatment systems
- Report any ballast water treatment system malfunction to the California State Lands Commission as soon as practicable

*complete requirements and regulations can be found at <https://www.slc.ca.gov/misp/>



Report a Sighting

Take good close-up photos (with an object for scale) and immediately report by phone: (866) 440-9530, email: invasives@wildlife.ca.gov, or online.

Hope to see you for the game and gathering

Owl Harbor Marina
presents

CHIEFS
vs
EAGLES
SUPER BOWL

and

CHILI
COOKOFF

9TH
FEB

FOOD
DRINKS
BIG GAME



Bring a side dish to share if you aren't bringing chili.
B. Y. O. D.

Join us at 2:30 for pre-game warm ups, chili judges will start at 3:00pm