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NEWS FROM THE DOCKMASTER

Greetings, Mariners! Here we are in the final month of 2020. Sadly, we have been dragged “kicking and screaming” back into another Code Purple. Will this year ever end? In the future if they ever perfect “time travel,” there will be a stop sign that says “Avoid 2020”!



Hopefully, you are all ready for the upcoming holiday season. I, for one, am not. Unfortunately, I did learn that the Port has had to **cancel the annual Parade of Lights this year**. The parade, which was looking forward to its 49th year, routinely brings crowds of more than 100,000 San Diegans to the bay over two weekends to watch as nearly 100 boats sail through the bay, decked out in colorful lights and decorations. It looks like we'll have to wait until next year to see all those boats lit up on the bay.

I know many of you will be getting out the Christmas lights for your vessel regardless of the boat parade being cancelled; but before you do, I suggest taking some time to check the shore-to-ship power supply. Recently, we saw an issue where non-marine grade items were used, and it caused the boat's cord to burn at the connection. Very scary stuff! Some things to do to make sure this does not happen to your vessel are to **use only marine shore power cords** capable of handling your boat's power load, and ones that are **labeled “UL-Marine.”** Sets for boats under 40 feet include: 30 amps, 125 volts / and 50 amps, 125 volts. Utilize the set appropriate for your boat. If you use a 30-amp set for a 50-amp system, that less powerful set will fail over time from overheating. Please use **marine service plugs and connectors**, and don't make the mistake of using regular outdoor extension cords. Marine shore power cords are designed to take the abuse offered in water-based environments. Still, you should check your cord regularly to make sure it is free of knots and frayed areas. Don't tape the areas — replace damaged or deteriorated extension cords immediately. **Keep all cords out of the water.** If you suspect an electrical problem on your boat and you don't feel comfortable with correcting the issues, hire a professional.

I look forward to seeing your boats lit up for the Holiday Season over the next couple of weeks. I will make sure to add some pictures of the best ones in the January edition of our newsletter.

See you on the Docks!

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MARINERS

Mitchell and Gloria Merriam sailed in their very nice 25' Columbia *Paz* from the Point Loma Navy Base; **Newell and Kathy Wilson** have returned with their great 26' Macgregor *Fast Sunday* that they towed in behind their RV from Utah; **Sam Spadafora** sailed in his beautiful 49' Beneteau *Mare Presto* from the Kona Kai Marina; **Kevin Conover** brought in his awesome 42' Sea Ray Sundancer *Taproom* from Driscoll's Wharf; **Terry Sharp** brought in his very nice 38' Possillipo *Slippery When Wet* from Shelter Island Marina. Welcome!



REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR AND SMILE!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS - HELPFUL HINTS

STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE

Please stop by the office if you are in need of a storage unit. We don't have them available often, but there are several storage units and restroom lockers available right now. Please stop by the Marina office if you would like take a look or get more information.



[BOATING TIPS: THREE EASY BOAT IMPROVEMENTS - YOUTUBE](#)



If you want to make **your boat a better boat**, tune in to this short YouTube video with Lenny Rudow, Senior Editor at boats.com.

PLEASE TAKE STEPS TO SECURE YOUR VESSEL FOR THE COMING WINTER WEATHER!

- Be prepared for deck leaks and make sure your automatic bilge pump is in good working order.
- Make sure you don't have oil or fuel in your bilge!
- Ensure that cockpit drains are clear and hatches are secure.
- Ensure that the power cord to your boat is in good condition (check both ends and your boat inlet!), is securely plugged into both the dock box and your vessel, and has enough slack for vessel movement.
- Replace dock lines and chafing gear and add spring lines where needed.
- Let the Marina office know if you have any loose or damaged cleats at your slip.
- Make sure sail covers and awnings are properly secured.
- Make sure your roller furling headsail won't unfurl in the winds! Better yet, take it down if you won't be going for a sail for a while!
- Make sure dinghies and other gear are properly secured or put away for the winter



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