



CHULA VISTA MARINA RESORT NEWSLETTER | MARCH 2021

NEWS FROM THE DOCKMASTER



Welcome Mariners, to the March edition of the Chula Vista Marina newsletter. In this edition we'll discuss several different topics, including ways to prepare for the unexpected while docking and an update on the California Boating Card (if you're under the age of 40, you must possess the card to operate a vessel in California). I was not even aware of that, and I'm going to take the course online for \$24. Information on where these courses are given is available in the article below.

I was made aware from Mr. Bob Ashmore, a CVM tenant, that the new bike / walking path was completed. The bike path is located over by Marine Group Boat Works near G St. and Sandpiper Way. It's the newest edition to the Bay Shore Bikeway. I must say they did a fantastic job with this new edition. It is great for walking or biking and has much larger lanes than the original pathway. The pathway has some great views of the south end of San Diego Bay looking north towards downtown and Coronado. With spring right around the corner, I suggest taking a leisurely cruise or walk through the area. It is really a great addition for Chula Vista.

See you on the Docks!

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MARINERS

James Summers has returned with his very nice 29' Sea Ray *Play Pen* that he recently purchased and had shipped to SD; **Antonio Arias** sailed in his cool little 27' Macgregor that he brought over from Texas; **Mindy Larson and Austin Chase** purchased a very nice 48' Monk *Scotts Landing* that was already here at CVM; **Simon and Elizabeth David** brought in their awesome 29' Cal Jensen *Journeys Dawn* from Marina Del Rey; **Rebecca and Ken Fowler** brought in their very nice 38' Bayliner *Sail This* from Emory Cove Marina; **Daniel and Karen Scott** sailed in their beautiful 38' Seawind *Midnight Star* up from Ensenada; **Christina Leyton** brought in her very cool 22' Sea Ray *Kramerica* from dry storage; **Steven and Pamela Norry** sailed in their beautiful 49' Jeanneau *Déjà Vu* from the Vue Marina in Newport Beach. Welcome one and all!

FRIENDLY REMINDER – HELPFUL HINTS



Being Prepared for the Unexpected While Docking

There are several unexpected situations that can cause a whole lot of stress and worry while you are coming in or out of your slip. It can be from heavy boat traffic in the basin or sudden shifts in the wind as you make your approach. Loss of engine power is probably the worst of them all as you lose the ability to steer altogether. Sometimes these things happen. You can do a couple of things to prepare your boat and crew that will help make these situations much more manageable should they happen to you.

1. Rig docking lines on both sides of the boat. Things can change once you get into a narrow maneuvering situation. With lines rigged on each side, you are ready to tie up on port or starboard side.
2. Hang two to three fenders on each side - one near the bow and another near the beam. This protects you no matter which side you dock on and protects other boats in case you make contact while maneuvering. It also helps to have someone stand by as a rover with a fender who can place it where needed.
3. Break out a boat hook or two. Open up the collapsible-type boat hook to the full extended position. This helps your crew reach hard to grab lines without leaning out over the water.
4. Know your wind and current. Near the entrance to the marina or yacht basin, stop your boat. Which way does she drift? What signs do you see inside the basin to indicate wind direction? For current, check water flowing around pilings, day-beacons, or light structures.

California Boater Card

Did you know? Starting January 1, 2021, all persons under 40 years of age must have a valid California Boater Card to operate a vessel in California waterways.

Beginning in 2018, the State of California started phasing in requirements for Boater Cards among vessel operators in the state. CA will be requiring Boater Cards for all persons operating a vessel in California waterways by year 2025.



What is a California Boater Card? The California Boater Card is issued by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways and shows that the holder has taken and passed the National Association of State Boating Law Administration/state-approved boater safety education exam. Once issued, the card is valid for life.

Are there exemptions? Yes. For example, exemptions are made for people operating a rental vessel, persons operating a vessel under direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older who is in possession of a California Boater Card, a person who is in possession of a valid commercial fishing license, etc.

For more information about how to take the exam, find classes, or for a list of exemptions, please go online to: <https://californiaboatercard.com/>



Proper Waste Disposal

Please remember that we **cannot** dispose of large items, bilge water or fuel. We can only dispose of used oil. Please do not leave these items at the gates or in the trash cans. If you need assistance in finding a place or a company to dispose of these products, the office has information for a local facility here in Chula Vista. They will take all your hazardous materials and large bulky items. For regular trash items that are too big for the cans on the docks, please bring them up to the dumpster area.

The office staff is more than happy to assist you with access to the dumpster.



3 Stupid Things You Should Never Do on a Boat

There are some things (a lot of things) you should never do on a boat, and in this short video, Lenny Rudow demonstrates three really stupid mistakes that boaters make. (Click on the image or link below to watch the YouTube video)

[Boating Tips: 3 Stupid Things You Should Never Do on a Boat](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

***EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

MARINA CLASSES

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