

Chula Vista Marina Bay ViewPoint

News for Living the Boating Dream

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NEWS FROM THE DOCKMASTER

Welcome to the May edition of the Chula Vista Marina Newsletter. It is starting to heat up so here are a couple things to keep in mind through the summer months. Keep an eye on the bottom growth on the vessel. This is the season when adding an extra dive or two for a couple months can be of a huge benefit. From what the divers have told me, they expect this year to be a warm one. Having your hull cleaned regularly, in most cases once a month, is standard. If you're tempted to let this chore slide, consider this fact: a boat with a clean hull bottom is more fuel-efficient than a hull that's covered with algae or other aquatic scum.

Topside of the vessel, the warmer sunnier months will affect the gelcoat and other exterior surfaces of our boats can also be damaged. Along with the wide variety of protective waxes, finishes and coatings on the market that can help minimize sun damage, Sunbrella covers in the right place also can do a lot. One easy way to prevent sun damage is to occasionally switch the boat's configuration in the slip. It may be possible to back your boat into the slip rather than bow first. Many boats get exposed to the sun on one side only in the slip. After a few years, this damage becomes noticeable. Contact the Marina office for some good names and numbers of boat detailers to keep your pride and joy looking good.

See you on the Docks!

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MARINERS

Andrew and Connie Howard sailed in their beautiful 35' Jeanneau *Blue Mist* from Pt Loma Naval Station; **George Krivoshey** brought in his very nice 28' Bayliner; **Travis and Angelia Neel** sailed in their 40' Irwin *Capricorn* from Oxnard; **Kirk Matteson** purchased a 40' Custom that was already at CVM; **William and Nancy Desmond** brought in their awesome 24' Thundercraft *Lucky Me*; **Howard Rose** sailed in his nice 26' Catalina *Mermaids Revenge* from the Southwestern Yacht Club; **Patrick Flynn** sailed in his 25' Islander from Fiddlers Cove Marina. Welcome!

FRIENDLY REMINDER – HELPFUL HINTS

Bilge Oil

A common call we receive in the office is that from a concerned tenant who notices or smells fuel or oil in the Marina. Ninety percent of oil in marine waters is from small, chronic sources such as bilges, fueling spills, outboard motors, urban run-off and improper disposal of used oil products. You can help protect California's waterways by preventing oily bilge water from being pumped overboard and making sure your engine is maintained properly.



- Keep engines well-tuned; regularly check seals, gaskets, hoses, and connections for leaks and drips.
- Change oil filters often.
- Use drip pans with oil absorbent pads while draining oil from the bilges.
- Use an oil absorbent pad in the bilge to capture unexpected leaks. The absorbents will capture oil before the bilge pump discharges it into the water.
- Discard used oil absorbents at a household hazardous waste collection center.
- Consider installing an oily water separator.
- Clean and maintain bilges. Do not use detergents while cleaning.
- Do not mix used oil with other substances.
- Precautions: When using oil absorbents in the bilge, secure them to prevent clogging or fouling the bilge pump float or sensor. Oil and fuel are flammable.
- Keep oil and fuel-saturated absorbents away from heat or sources of ignition and in well-ventilated areas.
- Remove oily bilge water at a bilge pump out station.
- Remember: It is unlawful and punishable by Federal law to discharge any petroleum products into or upon the navigable waters anywhere in the United States.

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 Marina 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.