

The Watchorn

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Holiday Harbor/Cabrillo Marina

The wait is over

For those of you who have been holding your breaths for the last year, fear not; the wait is over. Or should I say F.E.A.R. yes? That's right, the annual F.E.A.R. Regatta is happening once again, and everyone is encouraged to participate (some have suggested that I make attendance mandatory, must I go so far?). This year the F.E.A.R. Regatta is scheduled for September 12th, with the race starting at 1:00pm and the skippers meeting at 10:00am. Naturally, all sailboats are encouraged to join and all power boaters are welcome as crew. Last year many of the participating boat owners were short on help and would have loved extra hands, so for those of you who wish to participate in the race as crew please visit the marina office and we will find you a home. Applications can be found in this month's statement, online or in the marina office. All applications must be turned in by August 1st. This will be a friendly, calm, non-spinnaker race that is sure to get you into the sunshine and surrounded by fantastic people. What have you got to lose?

Of course, what is a F.E.A.R. Regatta without food? F.E.A.R. is an acronym for Feed Everyone After the Race, after all. It will be a potluck, so all participating boats must bring a dish (contact Kyle to make your dish selection), and the marina will supply the burgers, hot dogs, and beverages. Following the dinner will be an awards ceremony to honor our fine boaters. Anyone not wishing to participate in the race but wishing to participate in the after race festivities are encouraged to bring a dish as well. For any questions please contact Kyle in the marina office.

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FISH EVISCERATION AND WASTE

The amount of fish waste disposed of in a small enclosed basin such as a marina can quickly exceed that which exists naturally in the water at any time. Where water circulation is restricted, decomposition of fish waste can deplete the water of dissolved oxygen leading to water quality degradation and fish kills.

Holiday Harbor-Cabrillo Marina recognizes and endorses the importance of preventing fish cleaning or disposal of remains in the harbor. We strongly recommend that your catch be cleaned at home or out at sea. Cleaning fish onboard your boat in the Marina usually results in an audience of birds and the resulting droppings on your boat and docks, residual debris on the dock and fish odors not always welcomed by your neighbors. Please be conscientious and do your business elsewhere.

Real News

- Holiday Harbor wants to thank you for your help in keeping the lounge library full and in good working order. Hundreds of books have been donated over the years, and many people have enjoyed the benefit of their availability. With your help we are now looking to expand on our current video library. Our current video library consists of mainly VHS tapes, which have now run the way of the dodo and are of little use to the majority of boaters. Any boaters with extra movies, T.V. shows or documentaries in DVD format are encouraged to donate to our library, and with your help we will have a wealth of shows to watch on those slow summer nights to come.
- Don't forget about the 4th of July celebration that goes on each year at Cabrillo Beach. Great weather, great people and a fantastic fireworks show make this day one of the best and busiest of the year. Don't want to fight the crowd at Cabrillo Beach? Don't worry, the fireworks show can be seen right from the stern of your very own boat with perfect clarity. Please be advised that the Coast Guard does not recommend taking boats or dinghys to the hurricane gulch anchorage, and in many cases will bar access to specific areas. Come early for parking and make sure you bring a car with a valid parking permit; security will be controlling access and will not let through any tenant without a valid parking permit.