

# The Watchorn

December 2007

Holiday Harbor/Cabrillo Marina

I think it is about time we informed Macy's, Sear's, Nordstrom's and the rest why announcing Christmas specials before the turkey is hunted and carved is simply not acceptable. I am writing prior to giving thanks to my Thanksgiving turkey, yet Christmas gift "suggestions" have begun their slither to magazine covers, store fronts, and TV ads. They are holding back, you can tell, but with every passing day the pain to restrain increases. Fear holds them at bay, nothing more. If they release their ad cannons too early, they know they will be consumed by a wrath never before witnessed by mankind. It would be ugly.....hairy ugly.

We hold them to this deadline for a very simple and practical reason, we don't want to witness our Santa wrapped in a Speedo and tank-top greasing down our chimney on July 15. You don't think they would begin the consumer march so early without guidelines in place? Do you want to risk seeing *The Claus* dipped in sun-screen while mounted on a skateboard? (White hairy ugly).

Besides, December is a good time to lavish other humans with gifts and demonstrate acts of goodness. After all, we spent most of the summer doing the same thing for our boat, why not float a little TLC over to that neighbor of ours on Planet Earth. (It has to beat Santa in a Speedo).

*Dock Holiday*

## Hopefully, You'll Never Need It ...

but in case you do, we have purchased an **Automated External Home Defibrillator** for our marina. According to the American Heart Association, an estimated 400,000 more lives could be saved each year if defibrillators were more widely available which is exactly why we've decided to make one available to our boaters. 50% of males and 64% of females who experience Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) have no prior symptoms of heart disease and CPR alone can't save the life of someone in cardiac arrest.

***If there should be an emergency situation, please contact our Marina Office for assistance, after calling 911.*** Our trained staff will follow the defibrillator's voice instructions while it senses and adapts to any action taken, provides CPR coaching and decides if a heart rhythm is shockable. (NOTE: If it does not detect a shockable heart rhythm, it will NOT prompt the operator to deliver a shock). When a life-threatening emergency occurs, time is of the essence, especially when Sudden Cardiac Arrest is involved. Remember that our staff is trained and equipped to help!

## Real News

- **Mark your calendar...now! December 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:00 pm-6:00 in our Boaters' Lounge.** This marks the date of the Holiday Afloat Parade and Holiday Harbor's yearly Holiday Cheer party. We will feed your chunky cheeks and wet your whistle just prior to the parade and would like nothing more than to see all of you present. This event allows you to finally meet that neighbor you have only waved at before, and exchange sea stories as if they were true. As in the past, all Darth Vader costumes, property tax bills (and suntan lotion), will be confiscated at the door but we promise to forgo any shoe inspection.

- We have been informed a few of you have experienced marina cards being de-magnetized. We have been told one should take normal precautions to avoid this inconvenience, but not sure what precautions these would be. No single dances with a transformer? Stack only compatible cards on top of one another? Who knows. Those in the know, please help us with this one.

- Due to the possible influx of seasonal "stuff" landing under your tree this year, we would like to remind you we continue to have a few rental lockers available. Stop by the office and see what's available before summer hits and the pickin's get slim.