

The Watchorn

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Holiday Harbor-Cabrillo Marina

I've noticed that New Years Eve really separates the population into two distinct groups. There are those that celebrate the changing of the year with gusto, drinking to their hearts (and livers) content while they dance the night away and truly enjoy themselves for the simple sake of having fun. Then there is me. I'm the guy at the party that finds the darkest corner of the room, half of a cup of spiked eggnog slopped onto my sweater as I slumber peacefully at the late hour of ten thirty. I'll wake up occasionally to check my watch and think of the long drive ahead, desperately fighting to gain eye contact with my girlfriend long enough to give her a dirty look that screams "if you don't come up with an excuse for us to leave in the next ten minutes you are going to find yourself walking home!" Don't laugh, I seem to remember a few of *you* snoring peacefully nearby.

The great thing about celebrating the new year is the fact that there are no set rules. There are no gifts to bring, although a bottle of wine is always nice. Normally you aren't celebrating with family, so the atmosphere is fairly relaxed and there are no shouting matches over who was the first sibling to graduate from the little kids table. Bottles of booze replace plates of overcooked turkey, its o.k. to wear party hats (who doesn't like a good party hat?), and any weight gained while celebrating will be lost the next time you visit the bathroom. In fact, the only *real* rule is that you must not fall asleep before midnight. Then again, some rules are meant to be broken.

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STORM WATER RUNOFF

Holiday Harbor Marina has a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan included in the Marina Emergency Response Manual. Marina Maintenance staff are trained in storm water pollution prevention, including reporting spills to the appropriate agencies. Scheduled sweeping and a cleanup is performed on all land-side property, and irrigation systems are maintained regularly and monitored to eliminate over watering. In an effort to prevent possible contamination caused by harmful debris/chemicals travelling through the storm drains, the following practices should be followed by both boaters and their hired vendors.

Best Management Practices

1. Report any unusual flow of material such as paint or petroleum products into the Marina from storm water drains.
2. Report any evidence of broken water, irrigation or sewer lines.
3. Nothing is to be dumped into the storm drain inlets.
4. No vehicle washing or maintenance of any kind is to be performed in the Marina parking lots.
5. No debris or chemicals, whether stored in a sealed container or not, should be left on Marina property.

Real News

- Holiday Harbor would like to remind you that on-site lockers are available for those who need a little bit more storage at the marina than what is already provided. Need to store heavy backup anchor gear or extra summer beach towels? Want to get the fishing gear off of the boat during the offseason? Our covered lockers can hold a large quantity of gear for a very competitive price. If you are interested, please visit the marina office and check one out yourself.
- It is important that all tenants inspect their dock lines and chafing gear before the bulk of the winter storms try to blow the vessel off of the dock. Heavy winds, UV damage, chafe and tidal surge all work together to break down and destroy those dock lines, and it is quite common for some vessels to require new dock lines each year. You could wait for one of the lines to fail, but as they say: An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Forty dollars now for new dock lines is much cheaper than five thousand dollars later for a new paint job.
- Please keep the marina clean and free of clutter by keeping loose items off of the docks and out of the parking lot. Only the following items may be stored on the docks: Water hose (neatly coiled around the dock box), marine grade power cord, one dock step no more than half the width of the finger, and a dinghy (if stored correctly). Visit the marina office with any concerns or for tips on how to store a dinghy correctly.