

The Watchorn

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Holiday Harbor/Cabrillo Marina

Although the busy nature of this month's newsletter precludes me from writing another "insightful" article (pause for cheers), I would like to remind you all that the 4th of July is not just a day for beer, hotdogs and firecrackers (although each of these individually are cause enough for celebration), it is a day for remembering those "certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Do not forget those who fought and died for these rights in countless skirmishes, battles and conflicts, and remember that political parties and special interest groups accomplish nothing; it is only through a collaborative effort that we can solve the problems of the future.

Also remember that August 21st is the date of the 2010 F.E.A.R. Regatta, please fill out the F.E.A.R. application (included in this statement) and return it by August 1st if you are interested in participating. Late applications will not be accepted. *F.E.A.R. IS NEAR!*

D.H. Jr.

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. It is therefore necessary for all of us to promote sound fish waste management through a combination of fish-cleaning restrictions, education and proper disposal of fish waste.

Holiday Harbor-Cabrillo Marina recognizes and endorses the importance of preventing fish cleaning or disposal of remains in the harbor. Alternatively, we strongly recommend that your catch be cleaned at home. 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. The disposal of fish waste in the water is *strictly prohibited*.

Best Management Practices

1. Clean fish out at sea or clean your fish at home. Alternatively, many anglers clean their fish and dispose of the remains well offshore.
2. Dispose of unused or unwanted bait well offshore. Dumping bait in the harbor quickly leads to an unwanted harbor population of seals, sea lions and possibly sea otters.

Real News

- Please remember that the 4th of July will be the busiest day of the year and the parking lot will be filling up early. Tenants must make sure they have a HHCM parking sticker in their window and any guests must know the name of a boater if they wish to be allowed past the security station at the entrance to the parking lot. Also remember that there will be many boaters on the water as well as numerous U.S. Coast Guard and Port Police officials, so please be safe and sober while boating.
- In an effort to help keep our community clean, the City of L.A. is sponsoring a *one day only* used oil and filter collection event. Bring your used motor oil and filters and receive FREE used oil containers, funnels, shop rags, and bilge pads. The event will be held in the Holiday Harbor-Cabrillo Marina parking lot on July 10th from 10:00am-2:00pm.
- As of July 1st Holiday Harbor-Cabrillo Marina will be accepting credit cards as a form of payment. Although a two percent fee will be charged for any transactions, credit cards will be accepted for anything from paying your monthly bill to buying hats and burgee's (available now) and even T-shirts (available in the next few weeks).