

The Watchorn

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Holiday Harbor/Cabrillo Marina

I had a decision to make the other day; to go sailing or write this newsletter. I decided to go sailing and think about it. I had to scout new locations for the upcoming F.E.A.R. Regatta after all, how could I convince you guys that I take my job seriously otherwise? You never know, with the way geologists (or is it the word manipulating news agencies that claim it?) say that the San Andreas Fault could shove L.A. right into the Pacific Ocean one day, keeping tabs on the local waterways is more crucial than ever. I'd hate to send you guys half way out to Catalina only to find out that it now lies somewhere off the coast of Hawaii. Never fear, my strenuous work ethic has resulted in the knowledge that the big island still sits in its original place, that there are many perfect courses still available to us for the upcoming F.E.A.R. Regatta, and that it is possible to sail a boat with absolutely no alcohol on board (I forgot it on the dock). Now that I've played the dangerous role of explorer and supreme navigator, I leave the ocean for your enjoyment.

D.H. Jr.

LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Used motor oil can be recycled, cleaned and used again. Recycled used oil can reduce the possibility of its entrance into storm drains and pollution of ground water or other bodies of water. Recycling also minimizes the risk of polluting the soil from oil being poured directly onto the ground or tossed into a trash receptacle. Adequate and proper storage and disposal of oil, fuel and the variety of other liquid materials boaters use is essential if these contaminants are to be kept out of the environment.

Best Management Practices

1. Hazardous liquid waste must be disposed of using Household Hazardous Waste facilities. Contact information for HAZMAT companies and special HAZMAT collection events are available in the Marina office and are posted on the bulletin board located in the restroom breezeway.
2. Ensure that only minimal quantities of hazardous liquids are stored onboard or in your dock box. Additional material should be stored landside, in a storage locker or off-site.
3. Dispose of used oil and oil filters at approved collection sites. Holiday Harbor-Cabrillo Marina has an on site used oil recycle station for use by marina tenants. The station is located next to the restrooms and requires a key to be checked out at the marina office. Never leave oil unattended.
4. Always check for traces of contaminants before pumping the bilge. Do not pump any bilge water that is oily or has a surface sheen.
5. Clean bilges of debris and remove loose containers of paint, solvents and other oil-based products before having a boat hauled.

Real News

- Sail boaters; don't forget that as the spring turns into summer, more and more races will be available for your enjoyment. The most popular one, the Wednesday night series put on by CBYC, begins May 1st and runs each week until fall. See the CBYC clubhouse for more details.
- When leaving Holiday Harbor-Cabrillo Marina, please make sure that all hatches are locked tight and no food is left on deck where raccoons and other pests can be drawn to. Also remember that all dock carts used must be returned to the base of the dock ramps after each use. Please DO NOT leave the dock carts in the parking lot.