

The Watchorn

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Holiday Harbor/Cabrillo Marina

Well, you wouldn't have noticed it based on the exceptionally warm weather of October, but November is finally upon us. With the month comes shorter days, an absurd concept known as daylight savings, and cooler weather. For many these spell the end of the boating season, forcing all but the heartiest indoors and behind the protection of central heat and cable television, not that we needed an excuse to watch football or one of the ten varieties of CSI.

November does have its perks however, and even boaters can't say the month is a complete waste. For many the month represents the beginning of the holiday season, and claims the only holiday throughout the year that is based solely on the consumption of fatty, artery choking but sweet tasting food. Just thinking about Thanksgiving brings to mind images of golden brown turkey sliced into thick layers, steaming volcano-shaped mounds of mashed potatoes with thick gravy on top for lava, and fresh pumpkin pie. If only I could convince my mother to cook Thanksgiving dinner on my boat I would be in heaven (believe me, I tried). So, on behalf of everyone here at Holiday Harbor I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving, and don't forget to set your clocks back on time.

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UNDERWATER HULL CLEANING

A trip out of the country to obtain bottom paint that **might** last longer but which does not comply with stateside regulations has quickly been negated by the price of fuel. Ensure that any bottom paint you use meets all State and Federal standards and give strong consideration to bottom paint that does not pollute our environment. Copper-free products are being introduced by several manufacturers and will soon become the product of choice. Frequent underwater hull cleaning can enhance vessel performance and protect it from marine growth and concealed corrosion. Holiday Harbor-Cabrillo Marina endorses the use of nontoxic and legal hull paints for the best protection and preservation of the hull and to reduce the possibility of water contamination during hull cleaning.

Tradesperson Best Management Practices

1. Ensure that bottom paint is properly applied and maintained to protect the hull from fouling organisms, thus improving the boats performance and fuel efficiency.
2. Wait 90 days after applying bottom paint (or as recommended by the paint manufacturer) before the first underwater cleaning. Please note when the paint was last applied and the type of paint used.
3. Encourage regular hull cleaning and underwater maintenance to prevent the build-up of hard marine growth and eliminate the need for aggressive scrubbing. Gentle cleaning on a scheduled basis will also increase the effectiveness of the antifouling paint and extend its useful life.
4. Maximize the use of non-abrasive scrubbing agents, sponges or pieces of carpet to reduce sloughing of paint and debris into the water. Encourage your divers to use different types of pads where possible to properly maintain the bottom paint. For example, pads used near the waterline may need to be able to remove a heavier layer of growth and corrosion while softer pads may be used elsewhere.

Real News

- Don't miss the annual Holiday Harbor Christmas party, set for December 6th from 3:00-6:00PM. It will be a time of good food, good people, and good times. Last year we had a great turnout and everyone went home happy and with their bellies full; what more can one ask for? Shortly after the party is the L.A. Harbor Float Parade, whose brilliant lights can be seen from the patio as they motor by within feet of the Holiday Harbor docks. We hope to see you then!
- We have noticed an increase in the number of vehicles left in the marina parking lot for an extended period of time. Remember that only liveaboards may have a car in the lot for an extended period, and even then only one per person. If you have any questions, please contact the office for answers to any questions you may have.