

The Watchorn

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Holiday Harbor/Cabrillo Marina

What are they building over there?

Many of you have asked about the redevelopment you have been seeing on route to the marina. After hours of combing through just about every newspaper and website within my grasp, here is what I have learned:

22nd Street Park

22nd Street Park (across the street from CBYC and 22nd Street Landing) will be finished by January 1st, 2011. This new park will include 4½ acres of grassy area for recreation, walking trails, meadow plants, shade trees, bathrooms, and the Crescent Avenue Bike Path.

San Pedro Waterfront Project

A 1.2 billion dollar plan to revitalize the San Pedro waterfront passed September 30th. This redevelopment will focus on improving public access to the 8-mile promenade along the main channel. It will include new plazas, bike paths, 27 acres of new parks, a new fireboat museum, a public pier at 7th street, and an extension of the Waterfront Red Car Line.

Disney Cruise Terminal

Due to the approval of the San Pedro Waterfront Project, a new cruise terminal will be created on Kaiser Point east of the old Holiday Harbor-San Pedro Marina at the end of Miner Street. This will be located on the east side of Kaiser Point, rather on the west side where it would impede recreational traffic. There is no estimated time of completion for this project.

Marina Construction

The first half of the Cabrillo Way Phase II project is set for completion June 2010. It is currently on track to meet this date, and will create roughly 350 new slips for the San Pedro area. The second half is set to begin construction June 2010, and will be done by June 2011.

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Galvanic Isolation:

It may surprise you, but a great deal of the underwater corrosion that occurs to the metal fittings sitting below the waterline of your boat could actually be reduced by installing a galvanic isolator. The galvanic protection system for most boaters consists of a simple sacrificial anode of Mil Spec Zinc installed to a submerged metal fitting. In a way, when you utilize AC Shore Power onboard your boat you are electrically connecting your boat to your marina neighbors. The connections are made via the water as well as through the shore power safety ground. To reduce or eliminate any interaction between neighboring boats and/or the marina itself you need to have some method of "Isolating" your boat. The most common method of isolation is to install a "Galvanic" isolator into the shore power safety ground. This galvanic isolator blocks all low voltage (under approximately 1.2vdc) DC currents from flowing into the shore power safety ground wire. A good indication that you are leaking low voltage electrical current is if you are replacing your underwater zincs more than once or twice a year. Anything more than that, and you should consider installing a galvanic isolator to protect your boat from potentially expensive repair bills. Contact a certified marine electrician to see if galvanic isolation is the right choice for you.

Real News

- Dinghy rack tenants: In order to best monitor our dinghy racks we are now requiring all tenants currently renting one of these racks to put some sort of identification onto your dinghy and/or kayaks. Possible forms of identification could be waterproof luggage tags filled out and attached to the tender, the name of the boat your particular dinghy belongs to stenciled onto the stern or topsides of the dinghy, or the owners name written or sewn onto the dinghy's cover. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.
- Mark your calendars for our annual **Holiday Cheer Party** on **Saturday, December 5th** from **3pm to 6pm** in our **Boaters' Lounge**; a fun evening of great food, good drink, and fantastic conversation. Shortly after the party will be the annual Los Angeles Harbor Holiday Afloat Boat Parade, which terminates directly in front of our marina.
- Don't throw away your old sails, donate them! A variety of organizations accept donated sails of any condition for use in making new garments, sail bags and other useful items. For more information visit one of the following websites: www.seabags.com, www.soozou.com/gotsails, www.cast-away.com, www.minneysyachtsurplus.com, www.seafevergear.com.