



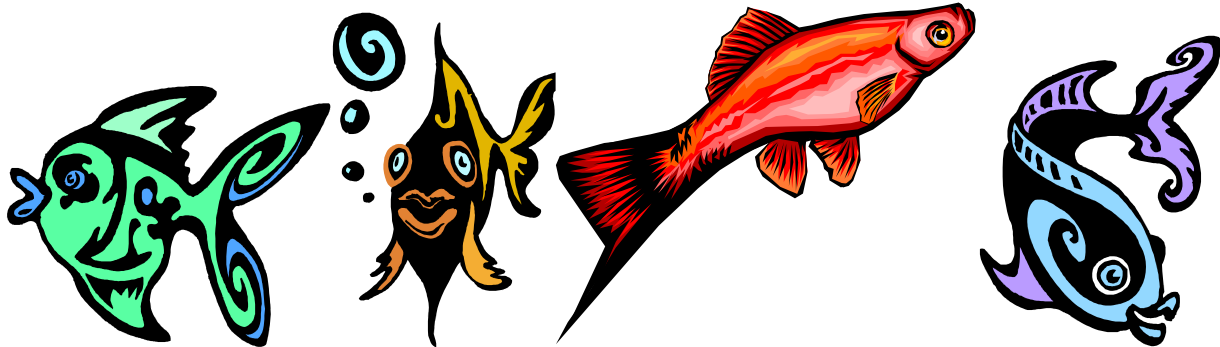
MARINA NEWSLETTER



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Spare the Air in the Bay Area

This information is for our Floating Home customers with wood burning stoves or fireplaces here in the marina. The Winter Spare the Air season runs from November 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. For the first time ever in the Bay Area, it will actually be illegal to burn wood, pellets, or manufactured fire logs when a Winter Spare the Air Alert is issued. Alerts will be posted on the Spare the Air website <http://www.sparetheair.org/> and on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's website <http://www.baaqmd.gov/>. Alerts are also recorded daily at 1-877-466-2876. You can sign up for email alerts and automatic phone alerts through both websites and the phone number. ***NOTE** - Residents whose dwellings have no natural gas or electrical service, or whose only source of heat is provided by wood-burning, are exempt from the *Winter Spare the Air Alert* wood-burning restriction.

Float Replacement

We are replacing 26 concrete floats this winter! The new floats you can expect to see will be on K, L, N, & O Dock. As the floats are delivered, we will be contacting boat owners to move their vessels for the repair process. If we cannot reach you, we will tow your vessel to another location while the work is being done. If you prefer to move your vessel on your own, let us know, and we can assign a temporary berth space for you in advance of the repair work being done. We will post a notice on-line at www.cityofberkeley.info/marina

The Marina float replacement project will be an on-going process. In addition to float replacement, marina staff is working to replace 30 pilings in the near future. If you have any concerns about floats or pilings, please contact our office.

Marina Website Changes

Check out the new Berkeley Marina website! We have a new interactive map so you can click on dock areas to get the current rates. We have redesigned the website to make it much more user friendly. Site address is: www.cityofberkeley.info/marina.

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Please visit the Marina Homepage at <http://www.cityofberkeley.info/parks> and click on the Marina link. The Waterfront Commission can be found at <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/commissions/waterfront>. To subscribe to either or both of these pages and have immediate updates click on "Subscribe to the page" at these web sites. You will be prompted for an email address and password. That's it!

Boat Cleaning and Maintenance

Here are some tips to help you keep your boat clean and safe during these winter months.

Tips for the Bottom-Side

- Conventional anti-fouling paints release biocides containing copper that inhibit marine growth. Try to buy paints and coatings designed to prevent the release of copper and other pollutants.
- Conduct hull scraping, sanding and stripping ashore over a drop cloth to catch all debris.
- For sanding, use a dustless vacuum sander.
- For painting, use a high-density low volume paint sprayer when boat is ashore.
- Avoid abrasive bottom-side cleaning that results in release of a colored paint plume.
- Frequent non-abrasive cleaning can minimize marine growth and extend the life of bottom paint.

Tips for the Topside

- Contain spills and debris using tarps and collect using vacuums or brooms.
- Choose phosphate-free, chlorine-free and biodegradable products to help keep our marina clean.

Bilge Care and Preventing Oil Spills

- Never use soaps or detergents to clean oil or fuel. Soaps break up oil into invisible droplets that disperse through the water. Adding soap is **ILLEGAL** and very bad for the marine life and their home.
- Use oil absorbent pads in the bilge to prevent oil discharge from the automatic bilge pump. **(These pads are available for you free of charge in the Harbormaster's Office.)**
- Use a bilge pump out facility to pump oil or oily water out of the bilge. Locations for this can be found at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov>.
- For a large oily mess in the bilge, use a steam cleaning service.
- **SAFETY TIP** - Secure absorbents to prevent clogging the automatic bilge pump or the pump sensor.

Who U Gonna Call?!?

- Recycling and Waste disposal - 1-800-CLEANUP (1-800-253-2687)
- Report oil and chemical spills - 1-800-424-8802 or 1-800-852-7550
- Sewage pump out locations - 1-800-CLEANUP (1-800-253-2687)
- Boating Safety Courses - 1-800-368-5647 or 1-800-SEASKIL (1-800-732-7545)

Clean Boating / CA Coastal Commission 415-904-5200 or www.coastal.ca.gov.

