



NEWSLETTER

Parks Recreation & Waterfront
Marina Division

January 2012 ~The Berkeley Marina "It's a boating community"

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Reflections of 2011

As we reflect on 2011 accomplishments and challenges, we recall beginning the year with new pilings throughout the marina and the south sailing basin. We then installed a new middle dock for public recreational use. In March we were awed and startled by the experience of the tsunami that swept in from Japan. Thank you boaters for all the "You Tube" videos we gathered. That experience is difficult to express in words, but the videos detailed the event for all to see. Then in April, we welcomed the return of the "Bay Festival" sponsored by our very own Shorebird Nature Center staff. The event was fun and educational for all! Spring brought us the return of "Salmon Season" which was a happy time for all the sport fishing folks. The fishing enthusiasts virtually had no salmon season for years so it was good to welcome back many anglers! Over the past summer we invested in replacing approximately 120 concrete floats from J-Dock to O-Dock which was another welcomed sight for our staff and boaters. I want to personally thank our Marina Staff, Bellingham Marine and our boating community for coordinating the moving of vessels for these new floats. I know O-Dock patrons (in particular) are extremely happy to see the new floats! There are more accomplishments to mention from 2011 but I wanted to name a few. As we begin 2012, we will embark on another year of improvements, as well as maintaining our focus for a cleaner greener marina. Thank you to our boating community for all your input, your compliments and the on-going dedication to the Berkeley Marina. Happy New Year to you all!

Winterization & preparing for the inevitable bay storms

Lines, Lines, Lines!!! Please check all your boat lines! Look for chaffing, wear, and splits in the threads. Shackles need to be inspected as well as your mooring snubber. Check your drains for debris and all your through holds for repair. Our experience with winter damage or sinking boats is primarily shoddy lines, plugged drains, and bilge pump failure. Keep your boat in good shape! Remember you are responsible if your boat breaks free of the dock or sinks.

Please make sure your dock box lids are tied down or locked down too! Those lids seem to fly away in winter.

Taking protective measures now will assure that your boat will be ready when you are. Winterizing your boat doesn't have to be hard. There are checklists on-line to help keep your 'baby' in good condition during winter. Go to your web browser and type in "winterizing your boat". There are many sites available for information.

The winter months are an excellent time to perform these maintenance steps to keep your boat safe.

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Y-Valve and Live Aboard Inspections new policy 2012

A reminder to all live aboard permittees. On June 30th and December 31st of each year, a permittee granted residence privileges must submit to the Harbormaster a log of his/her vessels trips out of the marina and a log of the dates the holding tank pump-out station was used by the permittee. (per BMC 6.20.190 Cruising vessels used as a residence)

With our on-going efforts to improve the quality of this harbor, and to improve our inspection protocol, marina staff will again be inspecting all Y- valves on board vessels & placing dye tabs in the systems. What is new is that Live aboard permittees will be **required to verify** proper holding & disposal of Waste (Holding Tank/Sewage). The Y Valve (for overboard use) needs to be zip tied with a documented number, photographed and verified by marina staff. You have a choice of one of the three monitoring options below:

- Mobile pump out service. If you provide the name of the company, we can confirm with them or you can provide a receipt as evidence.
- Appointment with staff at pump out station– or Call 981-6740 when at the Pump-out location each time to report that you are properly using the pump out services. This policy goes for all portable toilets on board vessels too. You must notify the office of proper disposal for the portable toilet materials at the pump out stations.
- Monthly Dye Tab placement in holding tank. We will contact you for an appointment.

**Electro San (type) Heads cannot be discharged in the marina at any time. All electrosan type waste treatment systems must also be pumped into a holding unit on board your vessel.*

We will not accept any new live aboard applicants without proper holding systems and Y-valve security tags.

Please contact the Marina office if you have any questions.

We are still offering One Free Mobile pump-a-head service per month!

Do you need mobile pump-a-head service? Are you looking to have your system inspected or repaired? We are continuing our partnership with "BayGreen Sanitation Services". Sign-up with BayGreen and receive one free mobile pump service to your boat per month, **a \$30.00 value**, (you may schedule additional pump-outs within the month and will be billed separately by BayGreen). You must be a permitted berther at Berkeley Marina to receive this service and agree to the BayGreen Terms of Service. You can sign-up and schedule regular service on-line at: <https://www.baygreen.net/>
Or, sign-up and schedule your pump-outs as needed by e-mailing service@baygreen.net

Waterfront Commission

There will be a Waterfront Commission Meeting at 7:00 PM on January 11, 2012. Meetings are held in the Marina conference room on the second Wednesday of the month and the general public's participation is encouraged.