

## Marina Newsletter

Parks Recreation & Waterfront

*July 2015*



**4<sup>th</sup> of July:** Berkeley Marina will be hosting another 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival this year with fun and fireworks for the whole family. There will be arts and craft booths, live bands, bounce houses and children's activities, as well as many different types of food.

This is a VERY popular festival for many East Bay residents, and boaters. The marina will be very crowded by early afternoon. We suggest that you arrive early in the day, or even the night before, and plan on staying overnight on your boat, or leave by 6pm. Fireworks will begin around 9:20pm and are fired off the Berkeley Municipal Pier. The Pier will close to the public at 8:00am July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. **Berkeley Police will close University Avenue to ALL traffic around 7 pm**, and the roads will NOT OPEN until all pedestrian traffic has left the marina which can be until 11pm. Please be prepared for this event. Come early, stay and enjoy the festivities. *There will be a charge of \$15 per car for non-boater parking.* Please use customer pass attached to this newsletter.

**Annual Kite Festival:** The Berkeley Kite Festival will be July 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 from 10 to 5pm. This is a very popular event for Kite enthusiasts. There are various types of kites from all over the world, flying competitions, food, crafts, and music. The kite festival is held at Cesar Chavez Park for 2 days. Please be aware that the roads become crowded around noon. If you want to attend, we advise you arrive early enough to park near your dock. There will be shuttle service to and from the festival from the south side of the marina to the north side of the marina. In this newsletter, we have created a parking pass for our boating community and customers. Please affix this pass to your dashboard on arrival, so parking enforcement will wave you through to your dock areas.

For more information about this year's Kite Festival visit their website. [www.highlinekites.com](http://www.highlinekites.com)

**\*Note: Parking passes for Marina customers are attached to the bottom of this newsletter. If you are going to be at the Marina for either the 4<sup>th</sup> of July or Kite Festival all you need to do is tell the parking attendants that you have a boat here at the marina. These printed parking passes may help, but should not be needed. Be advised that it will be hard to find parking during these events due to their popularity.\***

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**Fee Increase News**

The City Council has requested more information on the proposed Fee increase. The next meeting to discuss this has been scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015.

If the fees increase is accepted, expect an increase in your monthly berth fee beginning in **August**. More information will be available in your August bill.

