



Marina Newsletter

Parks Recreation & Waterfront

Happy Spring 2015!



Announcements

John Mann, Waterfront Manager retired February, 2015. We wish him fair winds and following seas. Thanks to John for his contributions to the Marina over the past few years. Happy Retirement to John! Roger Miller is our new Acting Waterfront Manager. Roger is very knowledgeable about the Marina workings as he spent most of his career with Parks Recreation and Waterfront heading various projects that have been successful to the Marina such as the Bay Trail and other grant funded projects. Roger is also Secretary to the Parks and Waterfront Commission. We welcome Roger aboard and look forward to more improvements in our Marina under his leadership.

Fee Increases proposed for July 1, 2015

The City Council is scheduled to adopt a new Marina Fee Rate Schedule on May 26th, 2015. The proposal will increase berth fees by 6%. In addition, various other fees are being increased in order to be more consistent with fees throughout the Bay Area or to help the City partially recover actual business expenses (e.g., electricity surcharge on non-metered docks, etc). As we all know, the Marina needs extensive repairs and renovations, and a modest fee increase is the only way the City can set aside funds to work on these needs. You can find the new fee rate and report at the following link to the City of Berkeley Parks and Waterfront Commission Homepage in the April 8th 2015 Agenda notes by following the link below. http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/Clerk/Commissions/Commissions_Parks_and_Waterfront_Commission.aspx The proposal will also be available on the following link to the City Council agenda for May 26, 2015: <http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/citycouncil/> approximately two weeks before the meeting takes place.

Projects at the Berkeley Marina

On March 26, 2015, the City completed a project to seal-coat the existing asphalt at three parking lots (DE; FG; and HI). This will prolong the longevity of the existing asphalt parking lots for several years. Many thanks to all boaters who parked in alternate locations during the project. We hope to seal coat other parking lots in the next two years and we will keep you posted. In the coming year, we are planning several improvement projects at the Marina: Using grant funding, we will extend the Bay Trail Extension Trail at Shorebird Park in summer 2016; we will resurface the South Cove Parking Lot and install a new restroom in summer 2016; and we will do resurfacing repairs at the Berkeley Pier by the end of summer 2016. In addition, we are planning a \$500,000 project over two-years to repair several damaged floats and docks at the Marina. Please check in with the Marina Office for updates about these projects in the coming months.

Proper storage use of dock boxes/lockers

As a certified "Clean Marina" in California, we need your help to keep our docks and waters clean. Individual gear lockers and dock boxes should be kept in a safe condition. Please do not store flammable or combustible liquids in these boxes and lockers, (i.e. gasoline and other fuels, oil and oil based paints, paint thinner and other thinners, epoxy resin and other resins, etc.) or other hazardous materials, (i.e. acids, oxidizers, poisons, etc.).

Notices on Registration Information

Remember to update all your California boat registrations with the Marina Office. Each year, we notify our boating customers to keep current year stickers on the hull of CF registered boats, and updated DMV forms with the office. When we do not get a response, a correctable citation is sent to the boater. You then have 30 days to provide us with update information, and the citation will be cancelled.

California Drought- Water is Life

In April 2015, California Governor Jerry Brown announced the state's first-ever mandatory water restrictions, in an effort to cope with four years of the worst drought in the state's history. These restrictions, whereby cities and towns in the state must cut water use by 25 percent, is a fundamental change in the way California uses its diminishing water supplies. **We ALL need to do our part to cut back!!**

(Below is an excerpt from KPCC's article interview with Fran Spivy-Weber of the State Water Resources Control Board April 2nd, 2015)

WHAT ARE THE NEW RESTRICTIONS AND WHEN DO THEY GO INTO EFFECT?

As mentioned, the governor is looking to cut urban water use by 25 percent by the end of next February. There are 411 urban water districts in the California, and the 25 percent reduction will be drawn from all of them combined. The reduction itself will be measured against a baseline of the aggregated water use for the combined districts for the calendar year 2013.

[Fran Spivy-Weber is the vice chairwoman for the State Water Resources Control Board. She states that water board staff is expected to draft and get public comments on a suite of new regulations in time for the Water Board's May 5-6, 2015 meeting. If they are approved, the new regulations would take effect June 1, 2015.]

WILL I HAVE TO REDUCE MY PERSONAL WATER USE BY 25 PERCENT?

The details are still in the works, but it's expected that each individual water district will work to reduce water use among its customers, though not necessarily all by 25 percent. Spivy-Weber says that the 411 urban water districts will be broken out into "buckets." Those with higher per-capita water use and few or no conservation programs will be put into buckets with a higher reduction goal. Those with lower per-capita use and robust conservation initiatives will be put into buckets with lower goals.

"Some have been working very diligently on cutting back their water use and they have done a fabulous job," Spivy-Weber said. "They should not be expected to cut back nearly to the extent to someone who hasn't done anything yet. "Some districts may have already cut a lot so they may only be asked to cut back 10 percent and another may have done little and need to cut 30 percent."

Richard Stapler, a spokesman with the State Water Resources Board, told KPCC that districts that miss the goal of their bucket could be fined \$10,000 a day starting March 1, 2016.

"So there is an incentive to really get those restrictions in place," Stapler said.

WILL WE START SEEING INCREASED ENFORCEMENT OF BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS OVERUSING WATER?

The answer here is probably. Nearly all of the 411 urban water districts in the California have some type of mandatory water restrictions in place. Each district is responsible for enforcing those restrictions, and each is responsible for determining its own enforcement approach.

The Berkeley Marina is going to do its part. Please inform Marina staff of leaky hose bibs, excess water concerns and especially during the fishing season. Please Do Not arbitrarily run water while filleting fish! It is wasteful. We appreciate your cooperation in our effort to save water.

