

Marina Reader

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine

FROM THE MANAGER

Happy New Year!

Let's start with a, **Long Beach Marinas Thank You** to everyone for the fabulous treats. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is a highlight of our working day. We have great jobs and are fortunate to meet and know lots of wonderful people. Admittedly, there are some special treats we all look forward to every year.

Over the last few months, we have been working on a marketing campaign with the hopes of 100% occupancy. The campaign has included traditional marketing such as the placement of various ads in trade magazines, website listings and Facebook postings. Some of you may have seen our ad on a local freeway sign. Who over the age of doesn't remember Worthington Ford in Long Beach off the 405 freeway at Bellflower? Through this process we learned that approximately 400,000 vehicles drive past that sign on a daily basis. As a result we welcomed new boat owners into both Shoreline and Alamitos Bay Marinas.

Another first is our recently launched Long Beach Boat Slip Mooring public service announcement. Our marinas have never looked more beautiful. Some of you may recognize one of our Marine Advisory Commissioners, Jerry Avila who graciously agreed to participate in the filming of our video. Special thanks to Jerry and his family. Looks like they had a fun afternoon. Here's the link, take a look, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RS5LWhu9ac>.

All of this was made possible by the tireless efforts of Kurt Borsting, Marine Operations Superintendent. In his short time



See our new marina marketing campaign from the 405 freeway

here, Kurt has already built an impressive legacy. My new year's resolution is to take five minutes a day to tell a staff member, that they are valued and appreciated. Kurt, you are valued and appreciated (Ha Ha). You have quickly become a central part of the team. You raise the bar and I cannot wait to see what you come up with next.

So let's all be more Awesome in 2017 than we were in 2016.

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TIDE CHART

January 2017

Upcoming EVENTS

Date	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1 Su	4:12	2.3	5:36	-0.3	10:17	5.3	--	--
2 M	5:02	2.3	6:16	0.0	12:17	3.7	--	--
				10:59	4.9			
3 T	6:07	2.4	7:01	0.3	1:06	3.8	--	--
					11:50	4.4		
4 W	7:33	2.3	7:52	0.7	1:59	4.0	12:58	3.8
5 Th	9:13	2.0	8:49	1.0	2:54	4.4	2:32	3.4
6 F	10:40	1.3	9:51	1.3	3:48	4.8	4:17	3.2
7 Sa	11:46	0.5	10:53	1.4	4:39	5.2	5:45	3.3
8 Su	--	--	12:40	-0.2	5:28	5.7	6:52	3.5
	11:50	1.5						
9 M	--	--	1:28	-0.9	6:16	6.1	7:48	3.8
10 Tu	12:43	1.5	2:12	-1.3	7:02	6.5	8:36	4.0
11 W	1:32	1.5	2:56	-1.5	7:47	6.6	9:21	4.1
12 Th	2:20	1.5	3:38	-1.5	8:31	6.6	10:05	4.2
13 F	3:07	1.5	4:19	-1.4	9:15	6.4	10:48	4.2
14 Sa	3:55	1.6	5:00	-1.0	9:58	6.0	11:32	4.2
15 Su	4:45	1.7	5:40	-0.5	10:42	5.4	--	--
16 M	5:40	1.9	6:21	0.0	12:18	4.2	--	--
					11:27	4.7		
17 Tu	6:44	2.0	7:03	0.6	1:07	4.1	12:18	4.0
18 W	8:06	2.0	7:48	1.1	2:00	4.1	1:23	3.4
19 Th	9:44	1.8	8:42	1.6	2:57	4.2	2:58	2.9
20 F	11:09	1.4	9:44	1.9	3:53	4.3	4:53	2.7
21 Sa	--	--	12:08	0.9	4:44	4.5	6:19	2.9
			10:47	2.1				
22 Su	--	--	12:51	0.5	5:28	4.7	7:13	3.1
			11:40	2.2				
23 M	--	--	1:26	0.1	6:07	5.0	7:51	3.3
24 Tu	12:24	2.1	1:58	-0.3	6:43	5.2	8:22	3.4
25 W	1:02	2.0	2:28	-0.5	7:16	5.5	8:51	3.6
26 Th	1:37	1.9	2:58	-0.7	7:49	5.7	9:20	3.7
27 F	2:12	1.7	3:28	-0.8	8:23	5.8	9:49	3.9
28 Sa	2:48	1.6	3:59	-0.8	8:57	5.8	10:21	4.0
29 Su	3:27	1.6	4:31	-0.7	9:33	5.6	10:54	4.1
30 M	4:09	1.5	5:05	-0.4	10:11	5.3	11:31	4.2
31 T	4:57	1.5	5:40	-0.1	10:53	4.8	--	--

USPS ADVANCED PILOTING

Wednesday, January 11, 2017
For information: marionseaman1@aol.com

USCG CAPTAIN'S LICENSE CLASS

3 Consecutive Weekends - Begins January 27th
For information: SmartCaptains.com

SEAMANSHIP CLASS

9 weeks - Begins February 24
For information: bobnflip@aol.com

Where Have YOU BEEN?

Send us a photo of yourself holding the Marina Reader on your boating and sailing adventures and we may feature your photo in an upcoming edition!

Include with your photo: Your name, where you took the photo: city and the country. Include how long you've had a slip in Long Beach and how long it took to reach your destination by water, plus the vessel you own (optional).

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Shoreline Office	(562) 570-4950
Alamitos Bay Office	(562) 570-3215
Rainbow Harbor Office	(562) 570-8636
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BELMONT VETERANS MEMORIAL PIER

The 1,620-foot Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, located at Ocean and 39th Place in east Long Beach offers visitors views of downtown Long Beach and San Pedro. The original wooden pier called "Devil's Gate" because of the rock formation of that name that originally extended from the foot of 39th Place, opened in December, 1915. That pier was replaced by a concrete structure in February, 1967.



Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, renamed in 2001 has been in place for over a century.

A Belmont Pier master plan was developed in 1990 and called for enhanced access for the disabled, upgraded benches and restrooms, parking lot improvements, new lighting, electrical, dining opportunities, and fishing and water taxi service access.



Flags pay tribute to all military service branches

In 2001, the pier was renamed in dedication to veterans from the Long Beach area as the Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier. A memorial on the pier's west wing includes flags for all military service branches, and benches with plaques honoring individuals and significant military campaigns.

In 2000, Long Beach Transit proposed the construction of a stop at Belmont Pier for the Aqua-link water taxi that runs from the Rainbow Harbor and the Queen Mary to Alamitos Bay.



Upgraded benches recalling pivotal dates in our nation's history offer visitors a way to enjoy our Long Beach coastline.

This was combined with a program to restore the storm damaged fishing boat landing in 2005. Construction was completed in February 2009.

The pier amenities include a snack stand, event room, bait shop, a dinghy dock and a commercial landing for shore boats, and charter boats. The Long Beach Transit AquaLink operates from a dock at the pier to ferry passengers to the Long Beach Harbor and to Alamitos Bay Landing.

For more information about Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier, visit www.belmontpier.com.



Long Beach Transit AquaLink offers a dock at Veterans Pier and stops at Long Beach Harbor and Alamitos Bay Landing.

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Rules and Regulations **REMINDER**

As we head into the New Year, here are a few reminders of the rules and regulations all boat owners must adhere to for the safety, comfort and enjoyment for everyone in the marina.

Dogs:

Dogs must be kept on leash in all public areas in the marinas. Permittees and their guests are required to closely supervise their animals on these premises, and particularly on the ramps, docks and fingers, and pick up the waste in the interests of public safety and sanitation. All pets are prohibited in the boatowner and public rest rooms and showers.

Storage on Docks and Fingers:

Nothing shall be stored on the docks and fingers except in locker boxes provided at each slip. Storage in each locker box shall not exceed two hundred (200) pounds.

Bicycles and Motorcycles:

No person shall roller skate, skateboard, ride bicycles or motorcycles on the docks and gangways within the Long Beach marinas, with the exception of City of Long Beach employees in the normal course of their duties.



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January Means **WHALE WATCHING SEASON**

When more than 15,000 Pacific Gray Whales migrate to winter feeding grounds in Mexico, they always include Long Beach in their itinerary of seaside cities. The whale's awesome journey can easily be seen by boat in Long Beach's San Pedro Bay from now until mid April.

Pacific Grays make the 12,000 mile round-trip between their summer Arctic feeding grounds and winter breeding grounds, closely following the Aleutian Islands past British Columbia, along the Washington, Oregon and California coast to the shallow lagoons of Mexico's Baja California Peninsula.

By January, the whales begin arriving in Baja, first the pregnant females, then the mature breeding adults and finally the yearlings. The once imperiled Pacific Gray has fully recovered to pre-exploitation numbers since being listed under the Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1969.

The federal government has since removed the Pacific Gray whales from the list. Pods of whales can be seen by individual skippers but the National Marine Fisheries Service wants to remind everyone of the following guidelines for whale watching.

- * Maintain a distance of at least 100 yards from the whales.
- * Whales should be followed in a parallel course, never cross a whale's path.
- * Never use a boat to separate a whale from its mother or to herd or drive whales.
- * Remember that causing a whale to change it's normal pattern, forcing it to take evasive action, such as diving, can be harmful to the whales and is a prosecutable offense.
- * Vessels should not operate at speeds faster than the slowest whale in the pod.
- * Maintain a constant speed and avoid changing either speed or direction until well away from the whales.

Whale watchers will find the opportunity to spot some migrating whales as they "spy hot" (poke their heads out of the water), breach (jump out of the water) and mate. For skippers who would rather leave the driving to the professional spout spotters, daily whale watching excursions depart from Rainbow Harbor Marina.

P.S. Sometimes a trick to seeing whales is to follow these professional boats. Many of them hire airplanes to go out and spot the herds before they leave port. So, try tagging along, at a distance, of course.

US Power Squadron **ADVANCED PILOTING**

USPower Squadron is offering an Advanced Piloting course on Wednesday, January 11 at Shoreline Yacht Club. This course is the second in the sequence of USPS courses on navigation. It continues to build coastal and inland navigational skills, allowing the student to take on more challenging conditions-unfamiliar waters, limited visibility, and extended cruises. GPS is embraced as a primary navigation tool while adding radar, chartplotters, and other electronic navigation tools. The course includes many in-class exercises, advancing skills through hands-on practice and learning.

Nine classes of two hours each are normally scheduled for presentation of this course. Topics covered include:

- Review of skills learned in Basic Piloting
- Advanced positioning techniques such as advancing a line of position
- Marine electronics: radar, depth sounders, autopilots, chartplotters, laptop computer software, etc.
- Hazard avoidance techniques using electronics (e.g. "keep out" zones in GPS)
- Collision avoidance using radar and GPS
- Working with tides: clearance, depth, effects of current
- Piloting with wind currents

The class will be held at Shoreline Yacht Club, 386 Shoreline Dr and the cost is: \$115. USPS and SYC member cost: \$85. To reserve a place, contact Marion Seaman at: 310 632-4748 or marionseaman1@aol.com.

Maritime Institute **CAPTAIN'S LICENSE COURSE**

Have you ever been interested in being a paid captain? If the answer is yes, here is an opportunity for you. The Maritime Institute will be offering two U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) approved courses beginning January 27.

The Maritime Institute is a federally approved school and is authorized to administer their own onsite exam in lieu of the USGC exam. They are a comprehensive source for USCG approved courses for the recreational, professional, military, and law enforcement mariner.

The curriculum covers everything from basic maritime rules of the road, to the OUPV/6-Pack and Upper Tonnage Captain's License (Master 100, 200, 500 & 1600 GT and 3rd Mate). In addition, on-line courses are now available. For additional information please call (887) 262-8020 or visit [www. MaritimelInstitute.com](http://www.MaritimeInstitute.com).

Sailing Skills and **SEAMANSHIP CLASS**

Sailing Skills and Seamanship, a class covering basic sailing knowledge and safety starts on Friday, February 24 and runs through April 21, 2017 for nine weeks at the Belmont Shore Fire Station #8 at 5373 E. 2nd Street in Long Beach.

Sailing Skills and Seamanship is a comprehensive course that will prepare a sailor with the basic information needed to operate sailboats under a variety of conditions. The course book for this class has been fully updated and the course is NASBLA approved. The fee for the class is \$45 and a certificate is awarded upon successful completion of the class.

Topics include: What is a sailboat; how a boat sails; sailboat maneuvering; legal requirements; aids to navigation; rigging; handling; tuning and heavy weather; navigation rules; marlinspike seamanship; sailboat engines; trailering; weather; radiotelephone; inland waterways, locks, and dams; and piloting.

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete this course and can present their course-completion certificates.

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Attention All Marina Boat Owners: **TIME TO UPDATE YOUR PARKING PASS**

As we move into 2017 it is time to update your parking pass(es). New this year, we will be issuing new parking passes to ALL of our customers on an annual basis. Because we will be issuing new passes on an annual basis it is not necessary to return your expired passes.

Motor vehicles parked in the marina parking lots overnight or using spaces designated for marina boat owners are required to display up-to-date parking passes in order to avoid a citation. You should have received a letter and permittee information sheet in the mail, please complete the information sheet and bring it into the office when you pick up your passes. We are asking for information sheets to be updated on an annual basis in an effort to keep your permit as current as possible.

Slip permittees and their spouses (as listed on file with the Marina Office) may pick up parking passes. Additional parties, who are percentage ownership partners on a vessel (as listed on file with the Marina Office), may also pick up their individual parking passes (one pass per partner).

Parking passes will be issued daily during normal business hours. The office is open Monday through Friday from

7:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Sunday from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM for your convenience.

When you visit the office to pick up your new passes please bring the following items:

- * Completed permittee information sheet -(Some permit files require updating, and collecting up-to-date customer information as part of the parking pass distribution process, helps our office maintain your customer records as correct and complete).
- * Current permittee vehicle registration (The parking passes will not be vehicle specific but having this information on-file allows Marine Patrol quicker access to your information in the event of a problem).

As a reminder, Marine Patrol will cite any vehicle that does not have their current decal beginning March 1, 2017.

If you have any questions please contact your marina office. Long Beach Shoreline (562) 570-4950, Alamitos Bay (562) 570-3215, and Rainbow Harbor (562) 570-8636.


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