

# Marina Reader

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine

## FROM THE MANAGER

Happy New Year Everyone,

This month I'd like to focus on a mass communication system the City of Long Beach has launched and its impact on all of you. We've all read and heard about the predicted El Nino season which will hit southern California. In an effort to communicate with our customers, the Marine Bureau has been working with the City's Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications Department on the launch of "AlertLongBeach." AlertLongBeach is a free emergency notification system designed to keep those that live, play or work in Long Beach informed of important information before, during and after a major emergency or disaster.

The primary use of the system will be to disseminate messages pertaining to the health, safety or welfare of the community that will be affected by the perceived, emerging, or imminent emergency event. During emergencies, alerts will be sent to inform all registrants of what has happened, what first responders are doing and what actions should be taken to protect themselves and property. Alerts can be sent via land line, cell phone and email.

Everyone of you with a current phone number on file at your marina, land line and/or cell phone is already registered in the system. We created an AlertBoatOwners database

which we will use to send both emergency and non-emergency, such as power outage, notifications to everyone of you on an as needed basis. The system has the capacity to send thousands of messages within minutes via phone, e-mail and text. Only authorized officials are allowed access to the system. In mid-January, I will send a "Welcome/test" notification; this will be the primary mode of communication to alert everyone of potential storms, king tides, etc., and will ask that you ensure that your vessel is secure. Your feedback on the system is welcome. We'd like to workout any issues prior to an emergency. For additional information on this system here is a website link <http://www.long-beach.gov/DisasterPreparedness/Alert-Long-Beach/>

As the new year is upon us, I'd like to close with a heartfelt thank you to each of you for being a customer, your patience with changes tied to the rebuild is greatly appreciated by staff and we are working towards making things better all around. You will see changes for the better in 2016.

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# TIDE CHART

## January 2016

# SAFETY CLASSES

Date	LOW TIDE				HIGH TIDE			
	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1. Fr	9:15	2.3	8:34	1.3	9:15	2.3	2:06	3.2
2. Sa	10:44	1.9	9:29	1.6	3:53	4.2	3:49	2.9
3. Su	11:45	1.4	10:24	1.8	4:38	4.4	5:23	2.9
4. Mo	12:29	0.9	11:14	1.9	5:17	4.7	6:29	3.0
5. Tu	1:06	0.4	11:58	1.9	5:52	5.0	7:17	3.2
6. We	--	--	1:39	-0.1	6:26	5.4	7:57	3.4
7. Th	12:38	1.9	2:12	-0.5	6:59	5.7	8:33	3.6
8. Fr	1:16	1.9	2:45	-0.8	7:34	5.9	9:07	3.7
9. Sa	1:54	1.8	3:20	-1.0	8:09	6.0	9:43	3.8
10. Su	2:34	1.7	3:55	-1.1	8:46	6.1	10:20	3.9
11. Mo	3:16	1.7	4:33	-1.0	9:26	6.0	11:00	4.0
12. Tu	4:02	1.7	5:12	-0.8	10:08	5.8	11:43	4.1
13. We	4:55	1.7	5:53	-0.4	10:54	5.3	--	--
14. Th	5:59	1.8	6:39	0.0	12:30	4.3	11:48	4.6
15. Fr	7:18	1.8	7:30	0.6	1:23	4.4	12:56	3.9
16. Sa	8:54	0.4	8:29	1.1	2:22	4.6	2:27	3.4
17. Su	10:26	1.1	9:36	1.4	3:24	4.9	4:15	3.1
18. Mo	11:40	0.4	10:45	1.6	4:24	5.2	5:48	3.2
19. Tu	12:37	-0.2	11:47	1.7	5:20	5.6	6:56	3.5
20. We	1:24	-0.7	--	--	6:10	5.9	7:48	3.6
21. Th	12:41	1.6	2:07	-1.0	6:56	6.0	8:31	3.9
22. Fr	1:28	1.5	2:45	-1.2	7:39	6.1	9:09	4.0
23. Sa	2:11	1.5	3:21	-1.1	8:18	6.0	9:45	4.1
24. Su	2:52	1.4	3:55	-1.0	8:56	5.9	10:19	4.1
25. Mo	3:31	1.5	4:27	-0.7	9:32	5.6	10:53	4.1
26. Tu	4:10	1.5	4:58	-0.3	10:07	5.2	11:27	4.1
27. We	4:51	1.7	5:28	0.1	10:42	4.7	--	--
28. Th	5:37	1.8	5:59	0.6	12:02	4.0	11:20	4.1
29. Fr	6:34	1.9	6:30	1.1	12:41	4.0	12:03	3.6
30. Sa	7:50	2.0	7:06	1.4	1:25	3.9	1:02	3.0
31. Su	9:31	1.8	7:54	1.8	2:19	4.0	2:44	2.6

## SEAMANSHIP

### BY: U.S. POWER SQUADRON

January 13, 2016 (8 week course)  
 7 PM – 9 PM  
 Shoreline Yacht Club  
 386 Shoreline Drive South Long Beach, CA 90802  
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 For information contact Marion at (310) 632-4748  
 or via email at marionseaman1@aol.com

## BOATING SAFETY

### BY: U.S.C.G. AUXILIARY

Tuesday, January 19th (four sessions)  
 7 PM to 9 PM  
 Sea Scout Base  
 5875 Appian Way, Long Beach, CA 90803  
 \$40 includes textbook  
 \$25 for additional students sharing a textbook

## SAFE BOATING COURSE

### BY: BASS PRO SHOPS

Saturday, January 26, 2016  
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 7777 Victoria Gardens Lane  
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 For additional information call (909) 922-5500



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# CURRENT REGISTRATION... *Its the law*

According to the Department of Boating and Waterways current registration stickers must be properly displayed on most vessels. California law requires all vessels to be registered and numbered except:

- Boats propelled manually
- Boats eight feet or less in length propelled solely by sail
- Certain vessels owned by public agencies
- Vessels documented by the Coast Guard
- Foreign vessels
- Ship's lifeboats used solely for lifesaving purposes
- Vessels having valid registration in the state of principal use and not remaining in California over 90 consecutive days
- Sailboards

These guidelines include vessels that are moored, whether or not they are used.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Application to register a vessel may be made at any office of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Upon receipt of the required information and fees, DMV will issue you a Certificate of Number and Certificate of Ownership. The boat registration number is the number (beginning with CF) shown on the certificates.

**Certificate of Number:** The Certificate of Number, or temporary Certificate of Number, must be available for inspection on the vessel whenever it is being used on the water. You are required to properly display the current registration stickers on your vessel next to the CF number to permit enforcement officers to determine, without boarding, that the vessel is currently registered.

**Certificate of Ownership:** Keep your Certificate of Ownership in a safe place—this is your evidence of title to the vessel. Certificates issued will also contain the boat's identifying number (known as the hull identification number), which is the number permanently marked on the transom by the manufacturer or builder, or the number assigned by DMV and marked on the transom by the owner. An application for transfer of ownership can be found on the reverse side of the Certificate of Ownership.

**Taxes:** After you register, your vessel may be subject to a use tax based on the purchase price if it was acquired out of state or from a private party. For additional information regarding use taxes, contact your local Board of Equalization or DMV office. Although DMV is responsible for the collection of biennial vessel registration fees, boat owners may still be subject to annual local or county taxes. Boats are subject to personal property taxes assessed by the assessor in the county where your boat is principally located. Failure to pay personal property taxes assessed on a boat may result in the non-renewal of your boat's registration. Questions concerning taxes on boats should be directed to your county assessor. Registration fee information can be found at [dmv.ca.gov/vr/fees/vessels.htm](http://dmv.ca.gov/vr/fees/vessels.htm).

## DISPLAY OF NUMBERS AND STICKERS

Along with your boat registration number, DMV will also issue you a set of registration stickers. Numbers and stickers issued at the time of registration must be placed on each side of the forward half of the vessel, usually on the bow. Registration stickers must be securely affixed three inches aft of, and in line with, the registration numbers. The number must be visible from each side of the vessel. No other numbers, letters or devices may be placed in the vicinity of the state-assigned number.

- To separate the numerals from the letters, spaces the width of the letter "C" or hyphens may be used between the prefix and the number, and between the number and the suffix.

- Letters and numerals must be block characters at least three inches high. Choose a color for the letters and numbers that will contrast well with the hull or backing plate color of your vessel. In determining height and contrast, any border, trim, outlining or shading around the number shall not be considered.

- If placement on a flared bow would make the number difficult to read, it should be affixed on some other part of the forward half of the vessel where it can be easily read.

- For PWCs, the numbers and stickers must also be affixed on each side of the forward half of the vessel on a non-removable portion of the hull.

- On inflatable boats or vessels so configured that a number will not properly adhere or cannot be clearly seen, it should be painted on or attached to a backing plate, along with the registration sticker.

## CORRECT DISPLAY OF NUMBER

### Registration Sticker

The law also requires that a set of carbon monoxide warning stickers be placed on the transom and helm of all new and used motorized boats sold in California.

If you are interested in learning more about the State of California boating laws, stop by the marina office and pick up a copy of the ABC's Of The California Boating Law.



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# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## RULES AND REGULATIONS:

We have been seeing an abundance of yacht tenders tied up behind vessels. This is okay if the width and length overall (yacht tender and vessel) does not exceed the slip limit of 4'11" beyond the length of the slip. As the New Year begins we will be strictly enforcing the rules and regulations as they pertain to yacht tenders. As a reminder, the rules and regulations of dinghy or yacht tenders are:

1. The marina overhang length (beyond the length of the slip finger) is 4' 11". The Marine Bureau manager or her designee may approved exceptions, such as if it is within an area or basin controlled by a yacht club.
2. A dinghy/tender is normally less than ten feet in length, and is designed to provide basic transportation for its owner, guests and supplies between vessels or to the shore, dock or other approved temporary mooring areas. The dinghy must be in good operating condition. There is no problem with the dinghy's length or beam as long as it is stored on board the primary vessel. If the dinghy is kept in the water, it must fit within the width of the slip and within the current slip overhang policy.
3. Vessels longer than 10 feet (10') in length – If the dinghy/tender cannot be stored on the primary vessel or

within the assigned space of the slip (width or length with overhang). It does not meet the requirements of a dinghy/tender. It then must be moored as an auxiliary vessel.

4. Floats – Only an encased (plastic or fiberglass) float will be allowed. It must meet the current environmental standards and must have prior written approval of the marine Bureau. The only authorized use of the float is to support a dinghy/tender. The float and its dinghy tender must fit within the assigned slip width and authorized slip length, including overhang.
5. Slips are to be used for primary vessels and its dinghy/tender only. Two or more vessels are not authorized or allowed.
6. Undersizing (permitting a vessel or less length than the slip) is only allowed to accommodate the beam of a vessel. Undersizing is not authorized to allow a dinghy/tender to be within the approved overhang space assigned to the slip.
7. Dinghy/tender shall not be used for storage. No dinghy or yacht tender shall be placed in such a manner so as to obstruct free passage along the finger.

## ATTENTION : Long Beach Shoreline Marina Boaters Only

As we move into a new year it is time to update your hanging parking pass(s). In order for your hanging parking pass to be valid it must display a red "16" decal on the front of the pass.

Please bring your assigned hanging pass(s), along with your drivers license and current vehicle registration, to the marina office to get your 2016 decal. Parking decals will only be issued to the permittee, spouse (on file), or partner (on file).

Decals 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.

As a reminder, Marine Patrol will cite any vehicle that does not have their current decal beginning March 1, 2016.

If you have any questions please contact Eric Skelly, Acting Shoreline Marina Supervisor, at either (562) 570-4950 or via email at [Eric.skelly@longbeach.gov](mailto:Eric.skelly@longbeach.gov).



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# 2016 CALIFORNIA boating law updates

## LIFE JACKET REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILDREN 13 AND UNDER

A new bill signed into law on July 14, 2015, by Governor Jerry Brown expands the current law mandating that children ages 13 and under wear a United States Coast Guard approved life jacket or personal flotation device from vessels under 26 feet in length to all vessels of any length.

There are a few exceptions, however, such as when the child is inside an enclosed cabin, they are tethered to a sailboat, engaged in an emergency rescue, participating in an organized event or operating specific federally-regulated vessels.

The Governor's approved the bill AB638, which is authored by Assembly Member Jim Frazier(D-Oakley), will apply to all sizes of boats including sailboats. Previously, the state law required children under 13 wear a personal flotation device aboard vessels that were 26 feet or smaller.

The bill, which obtained a unanimous 76 to 0 approval in the Assembly, will become law on January 1, 2016. Beginning next year, this law will require that boat operators refrain from driving the vessel if the child is not wearing the personal flotation device.

In California, there were 39 people who died in boating accidents and one out of every five deaths was a child under age 14, according to statistics by the California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways.

According to statistics compiled by the U.S. Coast Guard, there were 672 people killed and 3,153 injured in 4,604 boating incidents in the United States in 2010. Roughly 72 percent of the deaths were due to drowning and 88 percent of the victims were not wearing personal flotation devices.

## TOP 10 CAUSES OF BOATING ACCIDENTS IN CALIFORNIA

The number one cause of all boating accidents resulting in injury or death is a collision between boaters. In fact, a third of all California boating accidents among all vessels involves a collision, but what are the main causes of boating accidents?

Inattention by operator	Weather
Inexperienced operator	Machinery failure
Speed	Improper anchoring
Unknown	Wake
Passenger or skier behavior	Failure of equipment

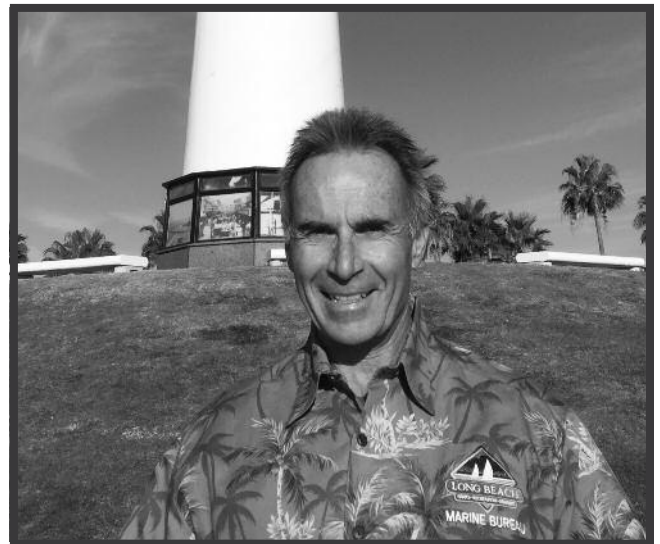
## LIABILITY FOR CALIFORNIA BOATING ACCIDENTS

A boating accident is governed by both state laws and federal maritime laws. If there is a collision involving injuries, death or property damage more than \$2,000, the boat operator or owner is required to file a boating accident report to the state. This report may be obtained by those involved as evidence for a potential personal injury claim.

Under California law, one or more boat operators may be held responsible for another person's injuries or losses if they are deemed to be negligent. There are laws that guide boaters on who has the right of way, speed and safety regulations. A boat owner operator who failed to exercise due diligence to protect passengers and others may be held liable for their injuries and losses.

Boat operators can also be held liable if they do not provide adequate safety to passengers by having sufficient life jackets, navigational tools and fire extinguishers.

Additionally, boat operators may not drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, they must maintain their vessel so it is safe and follow all rules an state laws.



## JOE PITISI RETIRES

After 35 years of service to the City of Long Beach, Rainbow Marina Harbormaster Joe Pitisi is setting sail to embark on new adventures. Joe enjoyed his time at the marina and will continue to enjoy our beautiful waterways as a boater himself and a friend to recreation. We wish him well in the next chapter of his life.