

# DOCK LINES



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## *A Note From The Helm*

We wanted to give a big thank you to the staff here at Cabrillo Marina for their hard work putting together all the events at the Marina. Judging by all the upcoming events on page 3 there's a lot planned in the coming months. We have 4th of July Fireworks, Take Mom and Dad to the Boat Lunches, Movie Night on the Lawn and the Customer Appreciation BBQ that we hope to see you at. This year's BBQ will be August 8th so be sure to get it on your calendars and RSVP to the main office.

And please take the time to read the articles *Runoffs*. Remember- all it takes is one cup of oil or fuel to make a marina-wide sheen. Keeping the water and our environment clean makes boating more enjoyable for everybody! And for all you sailors be sure to read Sam's Sail Care Tips on page 4 to maximize the life of your sails.

*Gerald Thomas, Kevin Ketchum  
& Bill Thomas*



## RUNOFFS



Storm water runoffs may seem like no big deal to some boaters, but it is critical to our ocean and our environment.

When you see the rule that says that there is to be no washing of vehicles or vessels in the parking lot, it is a huge deal. This may not look bad to you, but it does have serious affects on the ocean because the runoff water can have toxins such as oils, fuel, hull paints and chemicals that can kill animals outright, or can settle in their systems. Once in the water these toxins ends up moving up the food chain, possibly to humans, in a process called bioaccumulation.

Sewage and detergents are also a problem because they have excessive nutrients that cause algal blooms. These then die and decay, consuming oxygen and causing fish to die.

Even little things such as throwing small pieces of litter, such as a cigarette filter or plastic pellet can look like food to many aquatic animals, and once ingested, the plastic can block the digestive tract, killing the animal.

You may find signs that are posted adjacent to parking lots to prohibit littering, dumping, and cleaning of vehicles or vessels, but there are other things that you and other boaters can do.

## Note from Rosie

Ahoy Mariners,

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our summer events starting on May 9th for our "Take Mom to the Boat Lunch Date", on June 20th for our "Take Dad to the Boat Picnic" and then again on August 8th for our "Customer Appreciation BBQ".

Please be sure to call the office and make reservations; when doing so please let us know if you are having any children attending with you. For those of you who are new to the CYM family, the picnics are a lot of fun. Food, beverages, music and door prizes are provided throughout the afternoon. It's a great way to meet your Cabrillo Marina family!

I want to thank our friend Sam Heck from Quantum SoCal, for submitting the article on page 4 where he writes about proper sail care. Although we do not endorse any particular vendor, we appreciate any information they provide that benefits our boaters. We would like to have input from you, our customers for the Dock Lines. If there is something that you would like to see in here or a specific topic that you would like to have covered, please let us know. We are looking for any stories, pictures, birthdays, anniversaries and what not to include.

Once again, I would like to remind all of you to please update your contact information with our Marina Office. This is very important if we need to reach you regarding your vessel. Please update your home, work and cell phone numbers, and email addresses. We ask that you also update your current documentation, registration and insurance information. Thanks to everyone who has already done this!

May you have fair winds & following seas!

**Rosie**  
Marina Office Manager



# 2015 ANNUAL CUSTOMER APPRECIATION BBQ



WE ARE GETTING GEARED UP AND READY ONCE AGAIN FOR OUR ANNUAL CUSTOMER APPRECIATION BBQ ON AUGUST 8TH.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS OFF AND JOIN US ALL FOR A GREAT BBQ, FOOD, LIVE MUSIC AND OF COURSE THE PRIZE RAFFLE. REMEMBER YOU NEED TO BE PRESENT TO HAVE A CHANCE AT A FREE MONTH'S SLIP FEES!!! LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL ON THE 8TH OF AUGUST.

## FREE SAFETY EXAMINATION



CALIFORNIA YACHT MARINA AND THE USCG AUXILIARY, ARE ANNOUNCING A FREE SAFETY EXAMINATION FOR YOUR VESSEL.

THEY WILL BE HERE ON MAY 16TH, FROM 9AM TO 12PM. YOU MAY SIGN UP FOR A FREE SAFETY EXAMINATION THAT CAN RESULT IN THE AWARDING OF A SAFETY EXAMINATION DECAL FOR YOUR VESSEL. THE EXAM WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY A TRAINED AND CERTIFIED MEMBER OF THE USCG AUXILIARY.

YOU CAN MAKE AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING USCG FSO-VE HOWARD KAY 310 377 7652.

*FAIR WINDS AND SAFE BOATING!*



# DOCK LINES

## YOUR FELLOW CYM BOATERS

As the weather warms we start seeing a lot of new faces around the Marina. Since we are a closed access facility, we ask that you don't hold the dock gate or the door to the restrooms for someone unless you know for sure that they belong here. Anyone who belongs here at Cabrillo Marina should have an access key. If you're not sure, ask who they are and what slip they are in. It's a great way to meet your fellow Cabrillo Marina Boaters!

If they don't have a key, they need to check in through the Marina Office, period. Vendors must check-in through the Marina Office, if they have provided proof of insurance and they have signed our Maritime agreement they will be issued an id badge along with a dock key. So lets all be proactive this boating season!

Please coil your power cords on your boat and not on the dock or around the dock box. Anything left on the docks other than hoses and boarding steps can create a tripping hazard.

*Thanks for your efforts to keep our marina safe!*



The Cabrillo Beach Fireworks show is one of the most popular events in the area celebrating Independence Day 2015. As a result, parking will be limited in our area.

All Cabrillo Marina customers attending the event are encouraged to arrive early at our marina in order to secure a parking space. Remember: first come, first served. Cars must have a current and valid parking permit prominently displayed to park in our parking lot. If you plan on having guests, come to the Marina Office for **one** temporary guest pass at least 2 weeks in advance.

We'll start issuing a limited amount of temporary parking passes on June 15, so get yours as soon as possible.

## Note from Adam

You can never be too careful that your fire extinguishers are in proper working order. A green arrow does not necessarily mean that the extinguisher is charged. In addition, it is a requirement to have your fire extinguishers in serviceable condition.

We recommend that you check your fire extinguishers and if they are approaching or have exceeded their expiration dates, have them serviced.

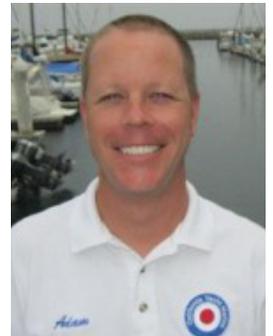
Cabrillo Marina has arranged for Complete Fire Service Inc to visit the Marina. They will be here Saturday May 16, 2015 at 9:00 am to approximately 12:00pm to service fire extinguishers. They will service fire extinguishers from two and a half pounds to twenty pounds for \$5.00 per unit (parts and hydrotesting may be additional). They will be located in front of the Marina Operations Office.

You can pay them directly at the time of service. It would be a good idea to put your name on the fire extinguisher so you can readily identify your equipment.

If you should have any questions, feel free to call our office at (310) 732-2252.

Sincerely,

Adam W. Thomas  
Dockmaster



## UPCOMING EVENTS



5.9.15 --- 11AM-1PM  
TAKE MOM TO THE BOAT LUNCH

6.20.15 --- NOON - 2PM  
TAKE DAD TO THE BOAT LUNCH

7.04.15  
INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS SHOW

7.10.15 --- 8PM-11PM  
MOVIE NIGHT ON THE LAWN

8.8.15 --- NOON - 3PM  
CUSTOMER APPRECIATION BBQ

## Sam's Sail Care Tips

By Sam Heck

It is not uncommon to see sails 10 to 15 years old that still seem to be in good shape. A reasonably well taken care of sail will last 3,500-4,000 hours. Your sails may still be in one piece but the shape has you leaning over more than you are going forward. When the draft blows back and the sail gets fuller and fuller you have a lot of room for improvement at that point. If you use your boat twice a month for 5 months a year your sail will last about 16 yrs. If you sail 12 days a month for 12 months a year you sail will last 2 ½ years. Here are a few tips for keeping your sails lasting a long time.

Protect your sails from unnecessary exposure to sunlight – take them down when not in use.

Avoid flapping or flogging – this is the worst thing you can do to fabric.

When motoring keep the sails down unless you can fill them.

Never backwind the genoa against the spreaders while tacking.

Use the correct halyard tension. Halyard tension changes as a function of apparent wind velocity. Add tension as the wind increases ( just enough to get the wrinkles out). Ease the halyard when the wind lightens.

Protect from chafe. Make sure the spreader and chafe patches are on properly.

Take the sails off the boat when not in use or out of the water. Heat, cold and humidity affect the longevity of sails besides getting mildewed.

Annually have your sails inspected for wear and washing. This helps the longevity and catches potential problems before they are one.

Store sails dry.

When leaving the furling sails up, make sure they are furled properly. No candystriping of the genoa and the sheet should be wrapped twice around the sail in case it gets windy. Main with only the sacrificial cover showing. I see the sails not quite rolled up all the way and a little Dacron showing. It is like leaving your underwear showing!

When using electric winches, don't use the furling line on one winch and the sheet on the other. The electric winches are very strong. You can tear your furler off the bow with it if you are not careful.

1. *Candy Striper! Not the ones you see at the hospital.*
2. *Main not furled all the way. There is sail showing! Roll it until you cannot see sail any more.*
3. *Genoa furled properly with 2 wraps around so it does not open when windy.*
4. *Too much electric winch! Remember to ease the furling line before pulling sail out.*
5. *After rolling check to make sure the sail is all covered by the*

*cover. This sail also is not furled far enough. See, the clew is uncovered when not rolled with a couple of extra wraps*

Feel free to call me 310-418-9179 or email me [quantumsocal@quantumsails.com](mailto:quantumsocal@quantumsails.com) if you need any more advice or if I can be of assistance with your sail.



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