

Holiday Harbor-Wilmington

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Habitat Preservation

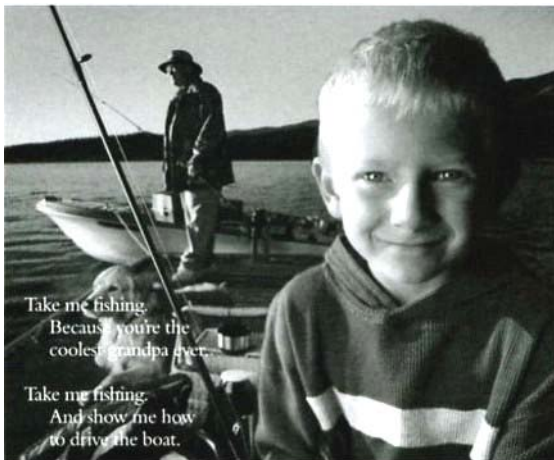
As a testament to the clean water found within the Port of Los Angeles, the bed of giant kelp transplanted into the harbor by the port has the ability to grow at the rate of three feet per day. By the way, our port has the distinction of being the only port to have a kelp transplantation program as part of its' environmental program.

Underwater Boat Hull Cleaning

As part of our **Clean Marina Program**, it is very important that each of us be an active participant in preserving a healthy marine environment not only for ourselves, but for future generations. We encourage all boaters to use non-toxic and legal hull paints to reduce the possibility of contamination when performing hull cleaning. If you have any questions, please consult Jerry, our Marina Manager for recommendations.

In addition, the following BOATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP's) are strongly recommended:

- Ensure hull paint is properly applied and maintained to protect the hull from fouling organisms and thereby improve your boats' performance.
- Wait ninety (90) days after applying new bottom paint before underwater cleaning.
- Schedule regular hull cleaning and maintenance to reduce the build-up of hard marine growth and eliminate the need for hard scrubbing.
- Regularly scheduled "gentle" cleaning will also increase the effectiveness of the anti-fouling hull paint and extend its useful life.
- Use or ask your Hull Cleaning and/or Maintenance Service to use these Underwater Hull Cleaners' Best Management Practices. Ask your service to monitor the work of the divers that they hire or subcontract to ensure they are implementing the BMP's.
- Repair paint bonding problems at haul-out to avoid further chipping and flaking of paint in the water.
- Use or ask your diver to use non-abrasive scrubbing agents, soft sponges or pieces of carpet to reduce the sloughing of paint and debris.
- Boaters are encouraged to use boat hull cleaning companies and individuals that practice environmentally friendly methods.
- Encourage divers to use different types of pads when necessary to properly maintain a vessel's bottom paint. (For example: In many cases, surfaces close to the waterline are more susceptible to higher growth rates. Therefore you need to use different pads in order to properly remove marine growth and corrosion. Likewise, a softer pad can be used for rest of the vessel to maximize hull performance and optimize the lifespan of the paint).
- Boaters should notify hull cleaner as to what type of bottom paint was used and when the bottom was last painted.
- Ask boatyard what paints are permitted locally. Inquire about new paints that have reduced or no toxicant.



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Because you're the
coolest grandpa ever.

Take me fishing.
And show me how
to drive the boat.

Take me fishing.
So I'll always remember you.

It's Whalewatch Season

Did you know that the Cabrillo Marina Aquarium in San Pedro is hosting Cabrillo Whalewatch each Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 am to 1 p.m. until March 2007? Whalewatch volunteers, trained by the Cabrillo Marina Aquarium and the American Cetacean Society will lead two – three hour boat trips departing from various local landings. Searching for the gray whales on their migration along Southern California's coast would definitely provide a great "memory making" opportunity with family and friends. For further information, contact Cabrillo Whalewatch at 310-548-8397.