

Holiday Harbor-Wilmington

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Sorry for the inconvenience!

As many of you know, February brought some unexpected water main problems which resulted in our bringing in portable bathroom facilities on an interim basis. We tried to resolve the plumbing situation as quickly as possible, but as with all such problems, the solution took more time than we would have liked. Once the Harbor Department's Plumbing and Engineering departments assessed the extent of the problem, they were able to establish a side-line which restored water to our marina until the water main itself could be repaired. We realize that the plumbing problem created an inconvenience for you, our boaters, and we understand your concern and frustration. We mean it when we say, "We feel your pain!" and hope you understand that we tried to resolve the situation as quickly as humanly possible. Just ask your Marina Manager, Jerry, who diligently monitored the situation – even on his days off!

By the way, "Thank You" to all of our boaters who used the head on their boat rather than our landside facilities during the period of time when our water was shut off! Our maintenance personnel also send their thanks!

This discussion brings us to a related topic which is part of our Clean Marina Program:

Boat Sewage Discharge

Use of marine sanitation holding tanks in an improper manner can result in sewage entering the water. Both improperly installed marine sanitation devices and improper disposal practices (pumping overboard within three nautical miles of the nearest land) are illegal. Sewage from boats is more concentrated than that from either combined sewer overflows or sewage treatment plants because marine sanitation systems use little water for flushing. Boaters and marinas have a vested interest in clean waters, since the livelihood of marinas and the recreation benefits boaters derive from the use of the waters are clearly linked to clean water.

The following BOATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP's) are strongly recommended:

- Boaters should report any illegal discharge of boat sewage to the marina office as soon as possible.
- Marine holding tanks should always be used properly.
- Boaters should use environmentally sensitive cleaning supplies in order to help alleviate gray water concerns.
- Boaters should never pump out any holding tank inside the three nautical mile limit.

For your information, a pumpout facility is located at Berth 202 which is open to the boating public during business hours – at no charge. To locate other pumpout facilities, visit www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbndx.html.

Yes, Jose is back!

No, your eyes are not deceiving you. After knee surgery and a three month period of recuperation, Jose has returned to work. We thank all of you who have inquired as to his progress and are pleased that he is good as new.

You've Got to Hear About This One!

As part of the National Marina Manufacturers Association's Discover Boating program, Russell Research recently polled 1000 people, 500 of which were boaters, and the results were quite interesting:

- 75% of boaters said they are happy with their marriage, compared to 70% of non-boaters
- 58% agreed that they are physically fit, compared to 50% of non-boaters
- 85% of boaters confirmed that they exhibit strong leadership skills versus 80% for non-boaters
- 23% of boaters believed their families were closer as the result of a common hobby compared to a mere 14% for non-boaters.

Have you visited the Farmers Market Lately?

If you have a few spare moments, you might want to drop by Wilmington's California Certified Farmers Market on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Avalon Boulevard and "L" Street to take advantage of the farm fresh produce available in our own backyard.