

The Shoreline

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Holiday Harbor-Wilmington

310-835-3952

Be Prepared, Not Sorry

Whenever you take your boat out, be certain your vessel is displaying current registration tags, there are new flares (replace yearly) and working fire extinguishers on board. Also, remember that one Personal Floatation Device (i.e. lifejackets) are on board for each person (not each passenger). The Coast Guard randomly boards boats and if they board yours, be ready.

Ever Been to the Point Vincente Lighthouse?

If not, you'll have a chance to visit the historic Lighthouse and Museum on **Saturday, March 1st** from **10am – 3pm** when the U.S. Coast Guard and Auxiliary will be presenting their Boating/Ocean Safety Expo and Lighthouse Open House which will include Boating and Ocean Safety Information and demonstrations, a display of U.S. Coast Guard boats and helicopters, boating equipment demonstrations and exhibits as well as L.A. County Fire and Lifeguard Demonstrations and exhibits. Oh, and then there's the tour of the Point Vincente Lighthouse and Museum which will definitely be a special treat. For further details, visit www.vincenlight.org. By the way, the lighthouse is located at 31550 Palos Verdes Drive West, Rancho Palos Verdes and admission is FREE!!!

Aquarium of the Pacific

For all of you who go to Costco just for the freebies (i.e. food samples), you might want to drop by the aquarium (before or after your visit to the lighthouse) to attend their Fourth Annual Sustainable Seafood Day on **March 1st** from **9am-5pm**. Their intent is to educate the public on how to prepare environmentally friendly seafood dishes by offering cooking demonstrations, seafood tastings and providing take-home recipes. If you attend, eat up – the tickets are \$20.95 for adults, \$11.95 for children 3-11 and \$17.95 for seniors. Any questions, call 562-590-3100 or visit www.aquariumofpacific.org.

Fishing Tackle and Boat Show

Knowing that one can never have enough tackle or marine gadgets on hand, we thought we'd give you a heads-up on the Fishing Tackle and Boat Show (805-389-3339) that will be running **March 5th through March 9th** at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Clean Marina Update – for You and Your Vendors

PETROLEUM CONTAINMENT

Fuel can easily be spilled from the fuel tank vent while fueling and both fuel and oil may be discharged during bilge pump operation. Hydrocarbons are dangerous to aquatic plants and animals (and humans) both at and below the water surface. It is therefore necessary to prevent fuel and oil from boat bilges and fuel tank vents from entering the water. And remember, it is unlawful to discharge fuel or oil into the Marina and any violation carries severe penalties.

Marina Best Management Practices

Holiday Harbor-Wilmington Marina has a Fuel & Oil Spill Prevention and Containment Plan included in the Marina Emergency Response Manual. The first course of action is the same for any type of spill: Contact the marina office or maintenance staff immediately. If not available, dial 911.

The Marina provides bilge pads for our tenants at no charge and we require that they be used wherever appropriate in your particular boat. These pads will keep the oil and fuel in the bilge separated from the bilge water so, when the automatic pump comes on, all it is pumping is water. Contaminated pads may be disposed of in the disposal station located in the parking lot adjacent to the trash dumpster.

Tradesperson (Vendor) Best Management Practices

- Visually check for engine oil and fuel leaks during any maintenance procedure. Encourage the owner to use bilge pads under the engine(s), examine them frequently and replace them whenever necessary. Remind the owner that they're free.
- Do not pump any bilge water that is oily or has a surface sheen. If bilge water containing oil or fuel is accidentally pumped overboard, do not treat it with detergent or an emulsifier. The goal for spills is to contain and collect the spill; not to disperse the spill and allow it to sink.
- Any observed fuel or oil spills need to be reported to the Holiday Harbor-Wilmington Marina staff quickly. They will make the reports to other agencies as the situation demands.