

The Shoreline

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Hello all,

There is a Chinese proverb that goes like this, "It doesn't matter if the cat is black or white as long as it catches mice, it's a good cat."

If ever there was a time of urgency, a time to engage in the political process, it's this November. This election will mark history no matter what your affiliation or point of view.

I grew up in Los Angeles during the '50s & '60s. We lived in a typical neighborhood of that time for Southern California. Moms did not work outside the home. They took care and charge of the house and kids. The Dads did everything else including going off to work. Most families in our neighborhood had lots of children. There were eight in ours. I think everyone in the neighborhood was Catholic or so it seemed. One thing I do know, they all attended Catholic School. At about 5:00 p.m. everyday, we were all required to have dinner together. This was a requirement, hungry or not. I'm curious; do young families do this anymore? The conversation at dinner often involved the latest neighborhood gossip and of course our family, immediate and extended. Once in a while, my dad would talk to us about the Great Depression and how people suffered. He would say the families that stood together and helped one another fared better than those that did not, reminding us of the importance of family. Not often, but once in a while dad spoke of the "Big" war, WWII, and how so many families were affected. He would tell us of his little brother (my uncle) lost in the Atlantic Ocean having been torpedoed by the German Navy. Many years later when reading Tom Brokaw's book, The Greatest Generation, I realized no family in America was spared the loss of a loved one in that war. Dad said the economy and wars were good reason to engage in the political process.

My dad talked politics all the time. Funny, looking back I don't think he liked any of them. Around election time, we'd have conversations regarding whom to vote for. Our parents would tell us how they felt but urged us to think for ourselves and use common sense in our decision-making. I've read Thomas Paine's "Common Sense" and much of Thomas Jefferson, yet this time things are of different.

I find I admire both these candidates. So you decide. Make an effort to vote.

Until next time,

Jerry, HHW Marina Manager

Tradesperson Best Management Practices

1. Ensure that bottom paint is properly applied and maintained to protect the hull from fouling organisms, thus improving the boats performance and fuel efficiency.
2. Wait 90 days after applying bottom paint (or as recommended by the paint manufacturer) before the first underwater cleaning. Please note when the paint was last applied and the type of paint used.
3. Encourage regular hull cleaning and underwater maintenance to prevent the build-up of hard marine growth and eliminate the need for aggressive scrubbing. Gentle cleaning on a scheduled basis will also increase the effectiveness of the antifouling paint and extend its useful life.
4. Maximize the use of non-abrasive scrubbing agents, sponges or pieces of carpet to reduce sloughing of paint and debris into the water. Encourage your divers to use different types of pads where possible to properly maintain the bottom paint. For example, pads used near the waterline may need to be able to remove a heavier layer of growth and corrosion while softer pads may be used elsewhere.