

The Shoreline

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Holiday Harbor-Wilmington

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Hello all,

They say in Southern California we have endless summers and that's true to some extent, however, Labor Day to many marks the end of summer. Most scheduled vacations are coming to a close and kids are going back to school. That being said, it's a good idea to capture all you can of August and September.

In regards to capturing the last days, the S.S. Lane Victory ends its 2008 summer cruises September 28th. For those who are unaware, the S.S. Lane Victory is a refurbished WWII cargo ship and veteran of three wars. The ship is a floating museum of days gone by. I took the one-day cruise aboard this ship two years ago. We boarded the ship at 7:00 AM and departed for Catalina Island around 9:00 AM. There was live music of the era playing, and continental breakfast and lunch was served. The highlight of the trip happened on our way back to the mainland. Suddenly, we were attacked by two fighter aircraft. They strafed our ship while our brave sailors manned the anti-aircraft guns.

After a short time, the sailors managed to shoot both aircraft out of the air. The two planes were last seen engulfed in smoke flying away from the ship. The kids on board went nuts and so did I. As we came nearer to the mainland, two additional aircraft appeared and a fierce dogfight ensued. The good guys shot the bandit out of the sky yet again. Man, was it fun! You can find the S.S. Lane Victory next to the Catalina Express in Berth 94, San Pedro, CA. Make it happen!

The construction here at the marina is near complete. When the floor is repainted and additional shower curtains are installed, the ladies restroom will be all done. The old Salt Rigger has been vastly improved. The rebuild is all-complete. The floor has been freshly (epoxy) painted and the kitchen area looks terrific. We should be completing all work in the Salt Rigger in a few weeks.

The newly expanded office area is coming along nicely as well. We are awaiting new carpeting and furniture. Though it was inconvenient for all concerned, the coating and re-stripping of the parking lot looks great.

I truly hope that everyone is happy, despite the inconvenience. I know I am.

Lastly, a reminder to all boat owners, family and friends here in Wilmington, our "End of Summer" party is scheduled for Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 5:00 PM to be held on our patio. This party is held each year as our way of saying "Thank You" for being part of our Holiday Harbor family. As always, we will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, and sodas. Please see attached flyer for more information. It's free, so come out and join us.

Until next time,

Jerry, HHW Marina Manager

Topside maintenance and cleaning

Use of solvents, paints and varnishes for in-slip boat maintenance can contribute to pollution entering the harbor. The best way to protect the water is to perform only small maintenance jobs in the slip reserving anything of major scope for a trip to the boatyard. Use of a variety of boat cleaners and detergents, teak cleaners and fiberglass polishes and waxes can also contribute to pollution and nutrients entering the water.

Vendor Best Management Practices

1. Topside maintenance in the slip is limited to projects involving 25% or less of the deck area. If the owner is contemplating a larger project, inform him or her that the job belongs in a boatyard.
2. Dust containment devices are to be used when sanding, followed by appropriate recovery and disposal. Sweep or vacuum any residual sanding dust for disposal in landside containers.
3. Temporary drape tarps on the boat and use tarps or polyfilm between the boat and dock to contain waste and prevent anything from entering the water.
4. Use environmentally friendly cleaning products which are phosphate free and biodegradable. Avoid cleaners that contain ammonia, lye, sodium hypochlorite, chlorine, or petroleum distillates.
5. Use all cleaning or polishing products sparingly and avoid any spills into the water. Using more of a product does not necessarily mean your client's boat is any cleaner or shinier.