

The Shoreline

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"Too Many Choices"

I don't know about you, but sometimes I think I have too many choices. Recently, traveling to the store, I could not help notice all the many choices in every aisle. There are countless cereals; cereals for people into sugar and those who are not, cereals with fiber and those that promise to get you through to lunch. How about the dairy section? Real butter next to, not so real butter, all promising the best taste. The juice with or without pulp...you get the picture. Let's not go to the wine and bread aisle; you'd go cross-eyed.

I guess choices aren't so bad when grocery shopping. But should there be choices in the education of people? Someone once said, "Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive, easy to govern, yet impossible to enslave." I can't remember who said that!

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I've had the privilege to travel to many South American Countries and the Caribbean Islands. I can tell you first hand that America is a blessed country. Other countries don't have our middle class, thus there is the rich and the very poor. When I think of a poor country, Jamaica always came to mind until I traveled to Haiti a few years ago. It was by far the worst and poorest I've seen. I've observed first hand the relationship between illiteracy & poverty, education & economic well-being. When I read books, I select the one's titled this or that book for "dummies." So, I don't consider myself so smart. But, maybe when it comes to education, we shouldn't have choices. Maybe education should be a given not a choice for all children everywhere; it would be a good start.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

Solid waste can collect at marinas if litter is not disposed of properly. Holiday Harbor-Wilmington has placed numerous trash receptacles throughout the facility. Since we are both users and protectors of the environment, it is our responsibility to ensure that all debris & waste are disposed of in a safe & environmentally friendly manner. For any questions please visit the marina office.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

1. No waste of any kind may be dumped into the harbor. Receptacles are provided for non-hazardous solid waste. Containers are also available for recyclables.
2. Contaminated liquids, paints, used oil or batteries may not be placed in the dumpsters. We do however have facilities for oil, filters and oily rags – please see marina manager.
3. Expired zincs anodes are often left on the dock by divers for inspection by the boat owner. Zincs should be properly disposed of on land.

REAL NEWS

Buffalo Run Half Marathon, Catalina Island February 27, 2010. Fire-up those motors and come out to Catalina Island to watch the festivities on this challenging course.

Until next time,
Jerry, HHW Marina Manager