

LIGHTHOUSE NEWSLETTER

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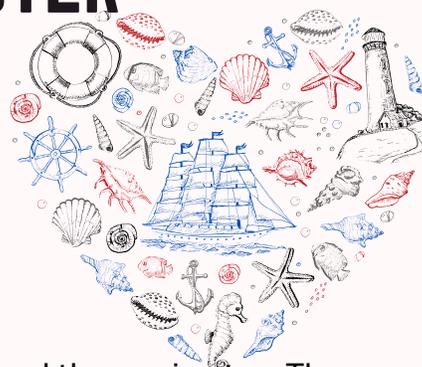
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MESSAGE FROM THE HARBOR MASTER

Welcome to our February 2024 newsletter.

As spring is just around the corner, it's a good time to remind our boating community that in the east harbor above the fuel dock is the recycle center site for your boat oils. This is one of the easy ways to dispose of your vessel oils when the spring oil changes start occurring.

The San Francisco Marina is a Certified Clean Marina, and we appreciate all our boaters supporting this activity in keeping the SF Bay waters clean and clear. Please keep an eye out for future volunteer cleanup activities and related events to also help clear the shorelines around the marina too. There are many hours spent by volunteers in groups and individually helping clean up shoreside junk and floating debris, and those tiny bits that just fall into the cracks but contaminate our fish and wildlife.



Reminder that on each dock, there is a specific dock box with spill kit supplies for first responders to a spill. The SF Marina has also received a state funded grant oil spill trailer to help mitigate major spills here as well as for regional emergencies.

In addition, we host numerous university and scientific institute research programs. For example, the Smithsonian Institution is studying various sea life and potential invasive species that could arrive from international ship traffic in the bay.

All in all, there is always more we all can do. Most important is the help and leadership of the SF Marina staff in making successes like this a daily activity when serving all our boaters and park goers. The Marina Staff truly are the "Green Team" in their stewardship and support of the local environment. If you see an issue in the harbor, please contact the marina office so that we can respond to resolve the concern asap.

Thank you!
Scott Grindy, Harbor Master CMM, CPE.

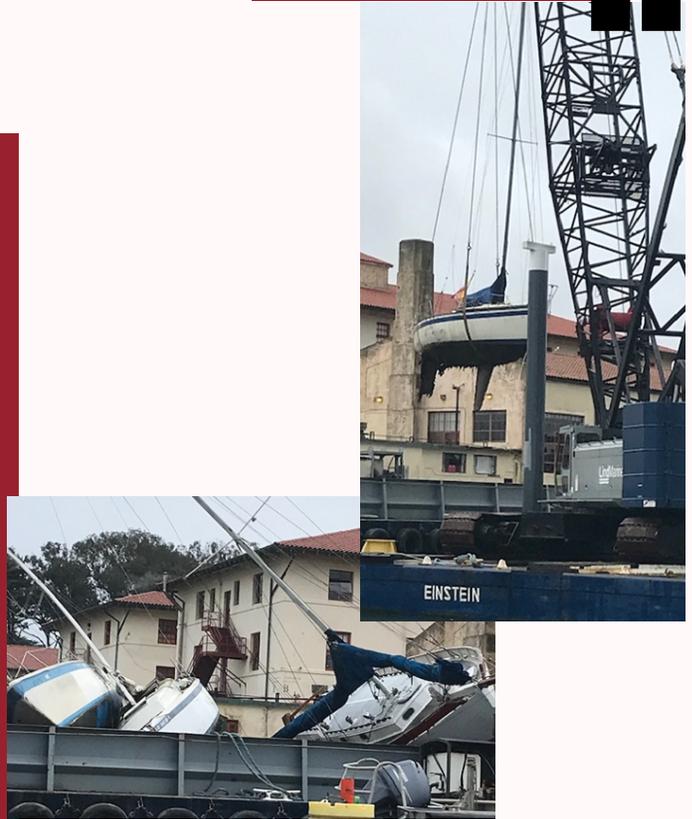




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THE DERELICT BOATS

The Marina staff, over the past two years, has removed over 30 boats of varying size. These boats are derelict boats either left here by the US Coast Guard when they were found out in the bay or ocean adrift, or vessel owners turning in their boat to the state program due to age and/or condition. The funding comes via the State of California, and of a grant we apply to called SAVE. The goal behind the grant is to clean up harbors and open waterways of junk-type boats before they sink and become debris and potentially result in an oil spill or worse. This recent activity was one of many my staff have performed over the past eight years to keep our San Francisco waters clear and clean. -Scott



Raccoons Spotted

We are receiving reports of raccoons on the docks looking for food.

To reduce close encounters:

- Keep vessels clean and free of debris
- Keep food and water sources secured at all times
- Keep garbage tightly secured
- Seal any possible crawl spaces
- Do not feed raccoons, intentionally or unintentionally
- Never approach or attempt to pet, hold, or capture a live raccoon.

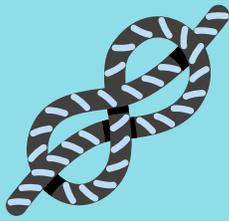
Let staff know if you see them on the docks!



STORM PREP GUIDE

The rain is here! So far there has been some good amount of rain, but no where near the amounts from the storms last year.

Having said that it is important to visit your vessel regularly checking the following:



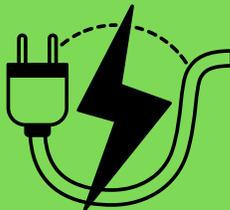
CHECK YOUR LINES

Failing or frayed lines leave your vessel vulnerable so it is important to replace as needed especially during storm season! Add extra lines for those winter winds.



PREPARE YOUR BOAT

- Is your bilge pump functioning properly?
- Are your fenders holding air and inflated?
- Are all canvas and sail covers in place and secure?
- Have you removed loose items on the boat that the wind can catch and blow away?



MONITOR THE POWER

Keeping a steady power supply at your boat is key to having a safe storm season. Regularly checking power cord conditions and battery power can reduce many of the risks that come with stormy weather.



CONSIDER.....

- Checking all marker lights (green and red) and white running light are working
- Confirm your towing insurance up to date and keep a copy at hand
- Complete a life jacket inspection check and count
- Updating your foul weather gear

NEW THIS YEAR

SF Marina Tidal 1

This is a monitor to both assist with our dredging activities, but also for our boaters when checking past and present tides. This also links to all the tidal monitors up and down the coasts.

The monitor is mounted on the sheet pile sea wall as you enter the west harbor entry.

The links are below:

<https://dashboard.hohonu.io/map-page/hohonu-96/SFMarinaTidal1>

If you have iPhones, you can download the app and view the data using these instructions:

<https://hohonu.notion.site/TideCast-for-iOS-Beta-by-Hohonu-79e523ffd9b9447fa70b558af6fe349a>

ANNOUNCEMENT

New Tenant Portal Live!

You can now stay up to date with the latest in the Marina through our new tenant portal.

Submit Maintenance Request

Request parking permits and keys

Download Forms and Submit Documents

Submit Customer Service Request

Provide your boat vendors access

View important Marina updates/ alerts

<https://sfrecpark.org/1228/Marina-Yacht-Harbor>

TAX INFORMATION

The San Francisco Office of Assessor-Recorder appraises two kinds of marine property for taxation: 1) the boat itself – Vessel Tax, and 2) the berth – Possessory Interest Tax.

The Marina Office does not have any part in tax assessments and cannot answer tax specific questions.

-If you have any vessel tax bill questions, contact the Marine Unit at 415-554-5531 or askmarine@sfgov.org.

-If you have a berth tax bill question, contact the Possessory Interest Unit at 415-554-5596 or pi@sfgov.org.



SF MARINA HOURS

MONDAY	8:30AM-4:30PM
TUESDAY	8:30AM-4:30PM
WEDNESDAY	8:30AM-4:30PM
THURSDAY	8:30AM-4:30PM
FRIDAY	8:30AM-4:30PM
SATURDAY	BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
SUNDAY	BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Reminder: All boats must have **hull identification** and, for those with CA DMV registration, **current year stickers**.

Also, vessel registration & insurance must be current and on file with the office.



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