



July 2008

# The Water Line

SACRAMENTO  
MARINA

## FROM THE HELM

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I hope that you all had a great and safe 4th of July weekend. Boaters started to arrive at the marina early on Thursday morning to get their boats stocked and ready for the long weekend on the water. The weather was perfect for boating. The Marina is really filling up. It seems like I meet a new patron on a daily basis. There are a few slips left so I invite you to let your other boating friends know that they still have a chance to obtain one of the brand new slips. I am very happy to report that we have made arrangements to host a Boater Safety Class to be conducted by the Power Squadron. The classes started in the meeting room next to the Admin Building on Monday, July 14 and runs through Monday, August 18. Classes start at 7 P.M. and end at 9 P.M. These classes are free. A \$45 will be charged for the class notebook. I encourage all of you to attend this great class, I am sure you will find it informative and helpful. Please contact Jim Scaccia at 916-782-1240. *—Bud Camper*

### CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

In previous newsletters I have tried to express how much the marina staff and I appreciate your patronage. I must admit that my words do not adequately express how sincere we are in that appreciation. We have arranged to have a Patron Appreciation Day event on August 9th. You should have already received your personal invitation. The event starts at 1 PM. and will be held along the beautiful Sacramento River at Miller Park. We will have BBQ Brisket & chicken, drinks (provided by West Marine) and the best part is the great covered dishes prepared by you, our guests. We also plan to have live music performed by the "Fat Man's" blues band and drawings for great prizes. You will also have a chance to meet the designers and builders of the new South Basin docks. Please let us know if you plan to attend no later than August 1st so that we can be sure to have plenty of food. We want to thank Bellingham Marine, Moffett & Nichol, and West Marine for their generous contributions to help make this a great event.

Representatives from those companies will be attending the party.

### MAC MEETING-JULY 30 at 6:00 PM-PLEASE ATTEND!

Meetings are always held in the administration building. If you have a problem with our service, the docks or anything else, we would love to hear from you, of course we also enjoy the occasional compliment. With the exception of when we addressed the issues of a rent increase, there seems to be very low attendance at these meetings. The council and meetings were created for you, to share your thoughts and ideas on how we can make the Sacramento Marina a better place to be. You are more than welcome to attend, refreshments will be served.

### Hours of Operation

#### Administration Office

Tel: 916-808-5712

Fax: 916-808-8163

Monday—Friday  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday/Sunday  
9:00 AM to 3:00PM

#### Fuel Dock

Currently closed due to  
Renovation

Contact Marina Staff  
anytime between  
8:00 AM and midnight  
on the Marina cell phone  
at 916-807-0838.

Marina Security can be  
contacted from midnight  
to 8:00 AM at  
916-343-9620.

#### Email Us:

[sacmarina@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:sacmarina@cityofsacramento.org)

#### Web Site:

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# The Water Line Newsletter



## SOUTH BASIN UPDATE

Roman Galleon's slave driver looked down at the galley slaves as they struggled with the enormous oars of the ship and bellowed, "I have some good news and some bad news." "The good news is that you all will receive double rations tonight and tomorrow morning!" The surprised (and hungry) slaves immediately began cheering, but their shouts were interrupted by the slave driver... "The bad news is that right after breakfast the emperor wants to go water-skiing!" Ladies and gentlemen, Captains and First Mates, I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is that all of the new docks in the South Basin are now ready for occupancy. There are many of you who have been waiting patiently to move to your new dock. We will be contacting you very soon to arrange to assist you in moving your boat. The bad news is that the Fuel dock will not be ready to open until mid August. The closest fuel dock is Sherwood Harbor just a short distance to the south on the river and is well within rowing distance. Fortunately the holding tank pump out is in operation and available and we do sell ice, soda's and snacks in the office for your convenience. There will still be a lot of activity by the construction crews in finishing the installation of electrical, water fire sprinkler systems and other items.

## CLEAN MARINA CERTIFIED

I am very pleased to announce that the Sacramento Marina has been designated as a "Clean Marina" as certified by the California Clean Marina Association. It took several months of hard work by the Marina staff to meet the strict requirements and prepare for the Clean Marina Inspection. The inspection was held on April 24, 2008. Several patrons, Marina Advisory Council members and other guests were in attendance. The inspection review panel, made up of harbor masters from other marinas, performed the inspection which includes having the proper procedures, practices, policies and documentation in place for all types of spills on the docks and in the water, good housekeeping, correct signage on the docks, educational materials on fueling, holding tank disposal, safe boating as well as many other items. The final portion of the review was a dock inspection. Over 100 marinas in California have been reviewed and 70 have been certified, Only 1 (one) marina has ever scored 100% and a score of 70% is required to become certified. This marina received a score of 88%.



## SHIP SHAPE

The saying in today's form has been recorded as early as 1840 ("shipshape" alone being about 200 years older). The term developed most likely in view of the [port of Bristol](#) which had (before the [Floating Harbor](#) was constructed) a very high [tidal range](#) of 13 meters (43 ft), the second highest in the world. Ships moored in this area would be aground at low tide and, because of their keels, would fall to one side. If everything was not stowed away tidily, or tied down, the results were chaotic and cargo could be spoiled.

Fortunately we don't have that kind of tide issue in our Harbor and most of you keep your boat and dock area in ship shape all the time. Staff, patrons and guests alike all appreciate that. No one likes to see a boat or dock that is dirty, untidy or messy. Dock staff spends a considerable amount of time trying to keep the docks clean and organized. Officially, the only thing allowed to be stored on the dock is a dock box and boarding steps.

Unfortunately our job is made more difficult every time a boater uses the dock to store personal items that should be stowed on his boat or in the dock box. When this happens, we make contact with the boat owner and ask that they take care of the problem. All too often we are told that it will be taken care of, only to find that the problem still exists a week or so later. I do not have a problem with boat cleaning tools being tied to a roof support and water hoses wrapped neatly on the dock.

**\*\*Beginning in August we will be removing any item from the docks that has not been approved by the Harbormaster to be on the docks. If possible, we will place the item(s) on the owners boat. After removing the item(s) (if necessary), we will contact the boat owner and inform them where they can retrieve the items being stored. If an item is not retrieved within 30 days, we will assume that it is no longer wanted and we will dispose of it.**

*Dinghies are only permitted to be stored within the confines of the slip. This means that they can not float in the water behind a boat or be stored on the docks.*

We really do not want to take this action, so we encourage any one in violation to please make sure your boat and your dock are in "Ship Shape."

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