

THE WATER LINE

Our Deepest Regrets...

Howard Latimer, a long time employee of the Sacramento Marina, passed away on December 22, 2002 from cancer. Howard worked at this Marina from March 1991 until April 2002. He was a real friend to all boaters. Howard enjoyed sharing his vast boating knowledge and experiences with anyone who needed assistance. He will be deeply missed by family, staff, boaters, and friends.

Upgrading the Fuel Dock Store

Have you ever been down at your boat and thought, "Boy, I sure wish they sold that down at the Fuel Dock." Well, here is your chance to throw in your two cents. We are beginning to upgrade the Fuel Dock Store to better serve our customers. We would like to hear from you on what you would like to see sold in the store. Please send us an email or drop us a note.



Goats-R-Us, 4-legged workers did their job...

During the first 2 weeks of December 2002 we had about 300 goats in our Marina performing organic weed control. Even with the heavy rains that came through towards the end of their stay, they were able to complete their assigned task of clearing 11 years of growth. We are very pleased with the result.

Dockage? We've Got It!

Do you know anyone who is looking for dockage? We have 20 and 25-foot berths both covered and uncovered available for immediate occupancy. Tell a friend.

Please...No Wake!

As a courtesy to your fellow boaters, please observe the posted No Wake speed limit in the Marina. The vessel operator is responsible for any damages caused by their excessive wake.

Winter is Here!

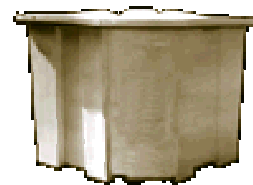
Winter storms have brought major rain and wind to our area. Rainwater can create problems aboard your boat and winds can cause expensive damage. We still have a few more months of rain and wind to get through. Here are a few suggestions to help "winterize" your boat:

1. Dinghies frequently fill with rainwater and sink. Consider removing your dinghy from the water during the winter months and place it on the parent vessel.
2. Make sure all windows and hatches are closed and secured.
3. Check your bilge and bilge pumps often, especially after storms.
4. Check all of your dock lines and replace them if they are worn.
5. Add extra fenders and lines to prevent your boat from hitting the dock or dock locker.
6. Make sure your canvas cover is secured tightly. Rainwater can collect in loose covers and strong winds can blow them off.
7. Be A Good Neighbor; contact Marina Staff if you see a problem with a neighbor's boat.

"Winterize" now and it may save you time and money! Remember to check your boat during and after heavy rains and strong winds.

Marina Website

Our website has been up and running for about 6 months and we are very happy with the use we have seen. We would like your opinion as well. Is there something else you would like to see added, removed or changed? Feel free to email your comments and suggestions to us at sacmarina@cityofsacramento.org.



Dock Locker Sale!

We still have NEW and USED Dock Lockers **on sale!!** Come on in before we run out!

NEW DOCK LOCKERS - \$250.00 Tax Included
(Regular price - \$300.00 Tax Included)
USED DOCK LOCKERS - \$200.00 Tax Included

Supply limited to stock on hand. First Come...First Serve.

For more information on rentals or to purchase a locker, please contact Joe Garcia in the Marina Office (264-5712) or the Fuel Dock (264-7133).

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Do we have your number?

Recently we had an incident at the Marina where a vessel was taking on water and the owners' telephone numbers were disconnected. Please, let us know if you have changed any of your numbers. It is critical for the protection of your valuable property that you keep your phone number and address information current.

Live on Board? – Not here...

The question has been asked numerous times, does the Sacramento Marina/Boat Harbor allow live-aboards. The answer to this question is no. The berth license agreement allows permanent renters to stay aboard their vessels for 3 nights out of 7 nights. Any more than this and you are considered a live-aboard and are in violation of both the Sacramento Marina Berth License Agreement and Sacramento City Code.

12.76.200 Living on board. (Sacramento City Code)

No person shall live on board any vessel within the Sacramento Boat Harbor. This prohibition against living on vessels shall not prevent the use of vessels in the harbor for eating and sleeping purposes for a period not to exceed three days in any seven-day period. One or more persons on board between the hours of one a.m. and six a.m. shall be considered as living aboard that night; unless the vessel was entering or leaving the harbor during that time. (Prior code § 27.08.320)

No Alteration of Berths

The City's Facility Management Staff has a policy against modifying or adding anything to the existing structures in the Marina. In other words, you cannot install rollers, rub rails, cleats or pads to either the roof support posts or to the dock boards. If you have some concerns on your slip, please contact the Marina Office and we will try and assist you.

Please remember, if you make unauthorized changes to the dock, Facility Management may charge you to return the dock to the original condition.

Dangerous Situation

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Marina Office continues to receive complaints from patrons that some vessels are extending into the walkway making it difficult and sometimes dangerous to get to and from their boats. As a courtesy to your fellow boaters, please make sure the bow of your vessel does not extend into the walkway.

Don't Promote Unauthorized Entry!

The easiest and most common way for unauthorized people to gain access to the docks is for one of our marina patrons to let the person through the gate.

When you open the gate, don't assume the person walking behind you is a marina patron. Let that person open the gate with his or her own key.

If you are suspicious of anyone that either comes through the gate or is on the docks, contact the Marina Staff immediately. Give us the description of the person(s) and their location. We will contact the person(s) as soon as possible to make sure they are marina patrons.

Please remember that all the Marina's security measures are defeated when you allow strangers into our Marina.



Happy New Year!

The Marina Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers for selecting us as your Marina and to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!