

# THE WATER LINE



## South Basin Renovation Update

Recently, Sacramento Marina staff got the approval from City Council to move forward with a loan application from the State Department of Boating & Waterways to renovate the South Basin. November 14th, 2003 is the date scheduled for the Department of Boating & Waterways to hear and approve the City's loan application. The project is anticipated to cost approximately \$6.2 million and the loan will be paid back over a period of 30 years after construction is complete. Once we have received approval, we can begin the design phase of the project in early 2004. At this point, the City has a preliminary design concept available for review. As part of the design phase, we will be looking for ways to accommodate our existing patrons as well as keep the project financially feasible. If you have any questions, comments or would like to review the preliminary design, please contact the Interim Marina Manager, Michelle Heppner at the Administration Building.

## Please be patient...

CB Michaels has accepted another position with the City of Sacramento effective October 18th, 2003. We wish her well with her new endeavor. Due to hiring processes, it is anticipated that we will be without a replacement for a short time. Please be patient with us during this transition. We will do all we can to continue to provide you with the excellent service you are accustomed to.

## Possessory Interest Time Again

Yes, it is that time again when you start getting the Possessory Interest bills in the mail. What is "possessory interest" and how is the value derived, you ask?

Well, a taxable possessory interest (PI) exists when anyone leases, occupies or has exclusive use of government property (examples: a space on the Cal Expo grounds, a slip at a government-owned marina, or a hangar at Executive Airport.) Since the government doesn't pay property taxes, the users are expected to pay their fair share for community services such as fire and police protection, etc.

The PI value is based on the rent you or your company paid to the governmental agency involved. The PI value is not the same as rent paid for the booth or space at the facility. The bill is based on approximately 1.15% of the PI value.

The PI value is determined by capitalizing (at a comparable rate) the rent paid, less a proportionate share of the owner's expenses, over a typical holding-period of: 2 years for Cal Expo; 4 years for Sacramento Marina; 5 years for Executive Airport; and 5 years for Represa. For more information, please visit the county assessor's Web site at <http://www.assessor.saccounty.net/possessory-interests/possessory.html>.

## Let Us Know

If you see something in the Marina that needs attention, let us know. You can leave a message at the Marina Office after hours or call the staff during regular office hours. Report anything from a faucet that doesn't work to restrooms that aren't satisfactory to a safety hazard.

Please call the Marina Office at 916-264-5712 or the Fuel Dock at 916-264-7133. We can also be reached at our email address [sacmarina@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:sacmarina@cityofsacramento.org) or on VHF Radio Channel 16. Let us know so we can fix the problem.

## Oil in Trash Cans? NO!!!

During some trash collection in the South Basin we have noticed oil in the bottom of some of the garbage cans. Please, do not dump oil in the garbage. This is a hazard to the environment. Dispose of your used oil properly. For more information of oil disposal check out the following websites...

EPA Website - <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/household/hhw.htm>

County Website - <http://www.sacgreenteam.com/hazardous/residents.htm>

City Website - <http://www.pwsacramento.com/solidwaste/curbsidecrude.html>

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## Keeping the Marina Safe and Clean

Lately we have noticed that our marina patrons have not been picking up after their pets. Please help us all by cleaning up after your pets if they mess on the docks. Also as a reminder...keep your pets leashed whenever you are on the docks. Letting your pets run loose on the docks is a violation of city code (12.76.17 Animals in Harbor).

The Marina Staff are also working hard to keep the marina clean and safe. If you have noticed small cat houses and feeders popping up around the Marina it is due to an exciting project we are working on to deal with the cats that have for so long roamed the overflow parking lot. We have created a committee/workshop consisting of cat rescue organizations, the Humane Society, the State Health Dept. and the City's Dept. of Parks & Recreation including Parks Safety and City Animal Care Services to develop a plan to humanely deal with the increased numbers of cats in the harbor area.

It is apparent that leaving food out on the ground for the cats causes an influx of skunks and raccoons and therefore it is important not to feed the cats as they are being taken care of through a cat rescue organizations. Please help us make this project successful by not feeding the cats.

## 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.

## 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.

## Marina's Website

Don't forget...the marina has a website that is kept up to date with our hours, rates and answers to frequently asked questions. Check us out at [www.sacramentomarina.org](http://www.sacramentomarina.org). Please contact our Administration office if you would like to sign up to receive this quarterly newsletter via email.