

## **Parking**

In general, the permit parking system is working well. There are still problems during special events like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and on Saturdays during the Farmers Market hours, (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM), but the number of permit parking stalls appears to be adequate. The Marina staff monitors the lot on Saturdays and during special events. During the months of June and July, the staff issued 102 tickets for permit parking or loading zone violation, mostly to non-tenants. The citations that the staff issues are not regular parking tickets issued by the Municipal Court. They are comparable to tickets issued by private parking lots. The fine is \$20 and tenants who get cited can have the fine added to their account.

The biggest problem so far with the permit system is that many tenants do not come into the office to pick up their parking passes in January or February, but wait until they really need them. Several tenants with expired passes showed up expecting parking on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and were disappointed when it wasn't available to them. Please remember that about 150 of the slips turn over annually, sometimes more than once. If the Marina does not reissue passes on a regular basis they will quickly become useless. We are asking tenants to pick them up at the office, as we have found from experience that mailing passes is very unreliable.

The Marina staff is committed to making the permit parking system work. With the tenants continued cooperation we believe it will provide them reliable access to parking.

## **Hazardous Materials (Haz-Mat)**

For many years the Marina has provided a place for tenants to dispose of hazardous materials such as used motor oil and filters, oily rags and bilge water, anti-freeze and batteries. The cost of collecting and disposing of hazardous materials has been up and down over the years, depending on the price of oil. In 2013, the Marina was not charged for picking up waste oil, but since then companies have been charging to pick it up and the cost has been increasing. The Marina staff will recommend to the City Manager that an "environmental fee" of \$1.00 per month be added to each tenant's monthly statement. The fee would pay for the cost of operating the hazardous materials shed, the spill kits on the docks and materials used to clean up oil spills. If approved, the staff would implement the fee in the last quarter of this year.

## **Barbeques on the Docks**

The risk of fire on a dock is a major concern for all Marinas. There has been some confusion about what types of cooking appliances can be used on the docks. The Marina Rules and Regulations state that "open fires or charcoal fires are prohibited on floats or vessels unless approved by the Harbormaster or Fire Marshall." In practice, you may use propane and alcohol cooking appliances **on your vessel**. The use of any type of cooking appliance, (or anything with an open flame) is prohibited on the docks, with the exception of some areas set aside for that purpose in the guest moorage area. **This includes crab cookers.**

### **Launching and Retrieving Tenants Vessels**

In 2009 and 2010, when there was a major renovation project going on in the Marina, we launched our moorage customers vessels, (up to 27 feet), and take them out at the end of the season for free. This policy was implemented to temporarily mitigate the loss of the public launch and to help our tenants deal with the dislocation and inconvenience of the project. That policy was discontinued after the project was completed in late 2010. The staff will still launch and retrieve tenant's vessels, (up to 27 feet). The fee for boats that can be launched with the small hoist is \$25 each way. For vessels that have to be launched with the travel lift the fee is \$75 each way and the travel lift is only available on Sundays. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance. The Tenants can inquire about fees and make a reservation by calling the Marina office.

### **Derelict Vessels**

On occasion, neglected vessels have always been a problem in the Marina and there is a specific rule that deals with the condition of vessels moored in the Marina. (Rule 11.0). The Marina staff continually monitors the docks to check on vessels that are not being maintained. Getting tenant's to respond to requests to maintain their vessels can take time, especially if they are not behind in their moorage payments and their insurance is up-to-date. If you are concerned about a vessel near your slip, please contact the Marina office.