

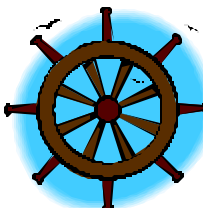
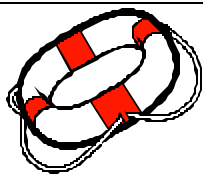
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FIRST EDITION WELCOME- Welcome to all RBBA members and families to the first edition of **News & Views**. Membership in Redondo Beach Boater's Association has now reached 115. Our goal is to have 150 members by year-end and at least 700 by the end of 2002. We ask every member to spread the news about our organization for boaters and boater friends. Each of you knows a candidate member. By signing her or him up, you are directly enhancing RBBA's voice in King Harbor. Our influence is directly related to the size of our membership. There are 1458 recreational slips in King Harbor with 827 slips in King Harbor Marina, 338 slips in Port Royal Marina, 233 slips in Portofino Marina and 60 non-commercial slips in Redondo Beach Marina. Our long term goal is to sign-up over 50% of the owners and their boater friends.

The Redondo Beach Boater's Association is a non-profit organization whose purpose is:

- a) *To actively work to further enhance the harbor experience;*
- b) *To provide a cohesive voice for communications between the boating public, the city and other public and private institutions, including all Harbor Boating Organizations, whose functions are essential to the operation and management of the harbor and its facilities;*
- c) *To keep all boaters informed on matters of interest;*
- d) *To provide an open forum for discussion of boater's concerns;*
- e) *To have sufficient consensus to represent the best interests of the boating community; and*
- f) *To ensure the harbor experience continues to be fun.*

Membership is only \$25.00 per year. Pick up an application at Dive N' Surf or on weekends at Port Royal Yacht Club or contact the 1st edition editor by email at zekerbba@yahoo.com or at 310-641-4865. \$25.00 is a small investment to keep abreast of the various activities affecting all boaters and their friends in our beautiful King Harbor Marina.

Robert Douglas

HEART OF THE CITY PLAN

Redondo Beach Boaters Association members are actively working with the King Harbor Boaters Advisory Panel to input our feelings about the "Heart of the City Plan". Bill Webster is the chairman of this important Advisory Panel. He is past Commodore of King Harbor Yacht Club and a dedicated boater. Like all of us, he and his family's recreational and social life revolves around our beautiful King Harbor.

Bill is doing an outstanding job at presenting the majority of boaters feeling and concerns to the city, county, state and federal agencies involved. He is open to all boaters concerns. His panel has representatives from King Harbor Yacht Club, Redondo Beach Yacht Club, Port Royal Yacht Club, Redondo Beach Sailing Club, Lanakila Outrigger Canoe Club, Nahoia Outrigger Canoe Club and our Redondo Beach Boaters Association.

The process to promote and protect boater's interests is a long process and needs each of our attention and continuing support. Each boater that loves King Harbor should participate by attending meetings and discussing their concerns openly and honestly. Some of the more important Heart of the City issues that face us boaters are:

- *Not enough parking and replacing parking in Port Royal Marina with a public street.*
- *Access to our boats- severely limited due to proposed bike path along waterway.*
- *Removal of current trailer boat hoist. A new launch ramp on Mole B is being discussed.*
- *Not enough dry storage for boats.*
- *Increased traffic and congestion.*
- *Bike path along waters edge- causing **safety problems** for boaters, residents and the general public along with **reduced parking** and **severe access problems**.*

Please continue supporting Bill Webster and his panel in their dedication at keeping our King Harbor a world class boat harbor. The next really important meeting is Monday December 10 at 6:30 pm with the Planning Commission at Redondo Beach City Council Chambers. Please mark your calendars and attend this meeting with your boating friends.

Chris Gerold – President RBBA

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OVERHANG INTO WATERWAY

Redondo Beach Boaters Association President, Chris Gerold, 1st Vice President Dick Krebs and 2nd Vice President Bob Meistrell met with Lieutenant John Pitzer of the Harbor Patrol on October 31, 2001 to discuss measurement of boat overhang into the waterway.

Lieutenant Pitzer stated that this has been done because of the potential of a safety hazard due to the overhang. Approximately a year ago there was an injury to a person where boat overhang (12 ft.) was a contributing factor. Since then there have been several incidents where overhang was involved. Lieutenant Pitzer noted that the master lease between the City and the Marinas indicates that 3 ft. is the overhang limit target. Due to liability concerns, and with a desire for public safety, the City directed the Harbor Patrol to correct the problem.

The Harbor Patrol recognizes that overhangs greater than 3 feet have existed for many years. It also recognizes that there are not enough slips to accommodate all vessels with more than the desired overhang.

Therefore the following "progressive" policy is intended:

1. *The Harbor Patrol will educate boaters in ways to control the overhang.*
2. *Boats with excessive overhang where an obvious hazard is apparent must be corrected ASAP.*
3. *Boats significantly over 3 ft. overhang limit will be moved to longer slips when available.*

It is recognized that it will take considerable time to implement the above policy. The Harbor Patrol is doing it's best to work with boaters to implement improved conditions, and at the same time not cause boater hardship.

The RBBA appreciated the opportunity to discuss the above issue with Lieutenant Pitzer. We will continue to meet with him and keep RBBA members informed as the policy is implemented. We ask all boaters to work with the Harbor Patrol and the marina operators to help make our marinas safer.

Chris Gerold, Dick Krebs & Bob Meistrell

NO MORE TRASH IN HARBOR!!!

This is a call for help by all boaters and their friends to join members of Redondo Beach Boaters Association to get and maintain cleaner, healthier and more attractive surface waters in all areas of King Harbor.

RBBA members and Dive N' Surf – home of Body Glove- are sponsoring and have placed trash barrels and long handled pool skimmers at eight locations in the harbor where water trash has been a continuing problem.

RBBA is asking all boaters and other harbor users to help us by using the pool skimmers to recover floating trash and place it in the barrels. The barrels are for harbor water trash only and are not intended for the daily or weekly trash generated by boaters and their guests.

Each barrel for water trash is supplied with plastic bags for disposal of trash. When a bag is full, please volunteer and empty them in one of the trash bins/dumpsters sited around the harbor. A fresh trash bag is usually at the bottom of each barrel and extra bags are being supplied by RBBA and Dive N' Surf to each marina office.

Again RBBA members are calling on all boaters to please help us keep our beautiful marina free of messy, unsightly trash. Make yourself feel good once a week by strolling or boating to the nearest water trash problem area and spend a few minutes skimming any floating trash from the harbor. Please email our editor with comments on other ways to keep our harbor beautiful.

Bob Meistrell

RBBA MEMBERS COMPLETE CERT TRAINING

Five RBBA members- Robert Douglass, Mike & Sue Morgan, Bill Paukert and Derek Tetlow are to be congratulated for completion of the **CERT** Course which stands for **Community Emergency Response Team**. The course included training in Disaster Preparedness, CPR, First Aid Search & Rescue and Disaster Psychology and is taught by Redondo Beach Firefighter and Paramedic CERT specialists.

RBBA's goal is to have a minimum of 20 RBBA members certified by the end of 2002 to assist should there be any emergency such as a destructive storm which in the past has caused great damage to boats, slips and even breakwater barriers. Join RBBA and help us meet our goal. Emergency assistance to fire and police by CERT boaters will be of great value during an emergency and especially when it involves damage to marina property.

Robert Douglass

10th ANNUAL KING HARBOR CHRISTMAS PARADE

Date: Saturday December 15th At 17:30 (5:30 p.m.)

Theme: **Salute to American Heroes**

Grand Marshall: Mitzy Kapture- star of Baywatch Hawaii & Silk Stockings – U.S.A. Networks

Benefits: KHYC's youth fishing and sailing programs

Bring your friends and neighbors to this great event!