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### **RBBA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE** **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

For members who joined the RBBA before April 2002, renewals were due in April of 2003. These members should have received notification by mail or email. For those of you who have not sent in your dues, you can mail a check for \$25 per member to:

**Redondo Beach Boaters Association**  
413 Via Pasqual  
Hollywood Riviera, CA. 90277

By sending in your renewal, it will save time and money for the association members.

### **MARINA CLEANUP**

The trash barrels continue to be used to maintain our marina as one of the cleanest on the West Coast. RBBA has authorized two additional barrels to be located in the marina. The system only works, however, if the marina users are willing to spend a few minutes scooping up the debris from the water. Tenants are reminded that the barrels are not to be used for their own trash. This still needs to be taken to the dumpsters.

Harbor Cleanup Day was cancelled when we discovered that our insurance did not cover this type of activity. We are currently researching alternative insurance with the hope that we will be able to move forward with the cleanup in the near future.

### **RBBA WEBSITE**

The RBBA website continues to be expanded to include

- Fishing Regulations
- Boater Information Forums
- Technical Information
- Heart of the City Updates
- Boater Safety Information

You can access our website at:  
<http://www.southbaynet.com/rbba/>

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

RBBA board meetings are held at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the following location:

409 Via Pasqual  
Phone 375-9390

All RBBA members are welcome at these meetings. Call one of the board members to confirm the meeting has not been rescheduled.

Directions: South on Palos Verdes Blvd. to Calle Mayor, left on Calle Mayor, go a few blocks to Via Pasquel, right on Via Pasquel.

### **HEART OF THE CITY - UPDATE**

Chris Cagle, led the referendum that resulted in more than 6000 citizens signing a petition to stop the Heart of The City (HOC) plan. The Redondo Beach City Council subsequently shelved the HOC plan. Chris Cagle then won election to the city council by a large margin. Chris now represents District 2 which includes the Redondo Beach Harbor area.

Efforts are under way to find better means of involving the public in any restart or redirection of a modified HOC plan. The financial plan, known as the Redevelopment Agency Plan, is going forward in spite of some significant concerns that Chris has addressed to the City Council. The area included in the plan is bounded by Harbor Drive east to PCH and Herondo south to Beryl Street.

The RBBA continues to work vigorously on boater related issues through the King Harbor Boaters Advisory Panel chaired by Mark Hansen. We will update you on any important information as it develops.

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## BOATER SAFETY

On January 18, 2003, the Redondo Beach Boater's Association (RBBA) wrote a letter to the marina managers suggesting that TYPE IV throwable ring life preservers with a rope attached be placed on the docks as a safety measure. In addition, it was suggested that well-placed ladders would allow self-help when no one else was around. Currently if someone falls off the dock into the water, it is difficult to climb back on to the dock, and going into the water to help is very dangerous unless the rescuer is a lifesaving-trained swimmer. Strategically placed TYPE IV Ring Personal Floating Device (PFDs), and LADDERS could save a life.

All four marinas (King Harbor, Port Royal, Portofino, and Redondo Beach Marina) have been studying the proposed idea. King Harbor Marina is the first one to begin implementation and has ordered ring life preservers. King Harbor Marina expects to have twenty-one (21) life rings installed, one per dock, in the near future.. It is expected that the other marinas will also implement some version of the idea. Lieutenant Pitzer of the Harbor Patrol has enthusiastically embraced the idea and is planning to discuss it with the marina operators at their next meeting

RBBA will keep you informed on the progress of this important safety improvement.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Have you ever wondered why crimping is preferred over soldering when joining wire to electrical connectors? Why do American Boat and Yacht Council Standards specify that solder shall only be used in combination with crimping, except in the case of battery cables?

Go to the RBBA website for the answers.

This is the first of a series of technical articles that Bob Douglass is preparing for the RBBA website.

Future articles and meeting are being planned for issues such as corrosion and its prevention.

## BAIT BARGE ISSUES

We have received comments that availability of live bait is becoming a problem. RBBA is looking into the issue to determine if there is anything that we can do to improve the situation.