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2019 Tide Tables are here!

The sun is here at last

It looks like we have passed the wettest part of our annual weather cycle and we are entering the prime sailing and boating season... as opening day on the Bay approaches, boats are being cleaned and lines put in good order. We are always grateful for the natural beauty here at the Brisbane Marina.

Intruder alert: A most UNWELCOME person got onto the docks at night recently and walked right to his EX-girlfriend's boat, and knocked on the hull unexpectedly. This unwelcome person was able to enter the docks by what we call PIGGYBACKING, as he was let onto the dock by someone being "nice." Be alert and aware of persons trying to enter the dock gates WITH or BEHIND you. Such incidents could constitute a criminal trespass and can result in the admonishment or possible arrest of the individual(s) involved.

PLEASE do not let strangers onto our docks! If a person requires access, just direct them to the office. After hours, there is a contact number listed on the office door. *You can imagine the potential for harm*– if this person had been out of control, had been the subject of a protective/restraining order, or had intended to hurt to his ex. This is a major, recurring issue and we must stress the importance of securing our facility for the safety of ALL.

We recently had our work boat serviced and the hull freshly painted. Please remember, we can usually help you out near the Marina if you run into trouble, but on certain days and under certain conditions, we either lack proper crew to safely man the vessel or cannot assist due to the inherent risks posed by a given scenario. We will do our best to assist whenever we are able.

We have been awarded a grant to replace our aging pump-out station machinery. This is a major improvement and will give us many more years of free pump out service. The new system has automatic reporting capability to advise us in real time of any malfunctions. We are grateful for the relationships we have with our Department of Boating and Waterways partners in Sacramento, and these are the same folks who help us with the SAVE grants that remove sunken and hazardous vessels from the area of the Brisbane Marina.

Our door is open and it is always a pleasure to serve our boaters!

Michael Hahn Harbormaster

George passes over the bar... Goodbye, old friend

George Thorpe was born Dec. 30, 1930. George grew up in SF and served with the 11th Airborne in Korea. He entered the Marina around 1985 and was one of the old-timers here. He was an ex – marathon runner, did the Alcatraz swim, and taught karate to kids He retired onto Brutus, a Taiwan trawler that he took one year to the San Juans on a voyage. He was a night watchman here in this Marina, the only one who checked every line on every boat every single night.... and he endeared himself to (most) everyone who met him. He was scary and forthright but wonderfully supportive at the same time. He had heart, in the greatest sense of the word. Services will be held Sat. 4/6 at 1:00 pm at St. Elizabeth's

Church, 280 Country Club Dr., So. San Francisco. Refreshments will be served after the service.

A slightly different sendoff will occur on Brutus at 5 pm the same day...those who knew George are invited.





Sierra Point Yacht Club

- Every Friday Night—Pot Luck 6-9 PM
- APRIL meeting/dinner : Sat. 4/20/19
- Cruise-out, Oakland YC 4/26,27,28