Brisbane Marina May 2014 Newsletter



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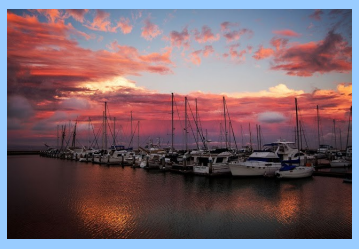


Photo by Allen Edwards

ON PREMISES:

2014 Tide Tables are here!
Come by the office to pick up your free copy.

Marina News

First and foremost I want to welcome a familiar face around the marina to the maintenance staff, Chris Redfield. His first day at the Marina was April 30th and he will be helping with the ongoing maintenance project to replace worn out and damaged dock parts. His addition is especially helpful at the marina because of his experience as a diver, and we are very pleased to welcome him aboard.

Now for a couple updates; first off, our pigeon trapping project is coming to an end, and overall I would consider it a moderate success. Through this program to date we have been able to remove approximately fifty pigeons from the marina. While there are obviously more than fifty pigeons in the marina, this will hopefully help abate the pigeon problem. We are looking into possibly doing this program once to twice a year to help keep the number of pigeons down. I wish we could get all of the pigeons, but I believe that this would be an impossible task.

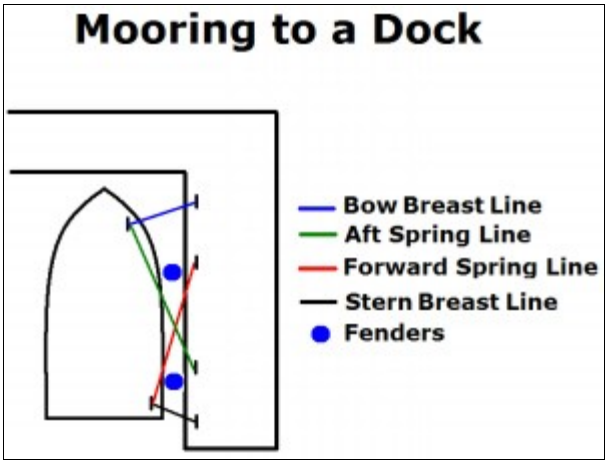
Another item that we are attempting to fix is the wireless internet at the marina. The internet access that is in place was barely satisfactory when it was put in many years ago, today it is very obsolete. We have made a slight adjustment to the bandwidth, but it is barely noticeable and still not satisfactory. Due to our location, bringing more bandwidth to the marina is a challenging problem. We are currently working with the City's internet provider to look at possible solutions; however, I would not expect a quick fix to this problem, and unfortunately I am unable to provide any sort of timeline for when this problem will be fixed. We are working on it, but there is no easy solution based on the conversations I have had with the provider.

Now for some house cleaning issues; with the high winds that we always get this time of year, please check your lines for any fraying or other wear and tear. If you have a three strand line and one line breaks, be proactive and replace the whole line. If you have double braided nylon and it feels hard and cracks, please replace it because it is at the end of its life. Also, it never hurts to double up on lines if you're going to be gone for a while. Mosquito season is also upon us, so ensure you have no standing water around your boat. See you at the marina.

Chris Zonsius
Acting Harbormaster

Mooring Line Placement

While most boats in our marina are properly placing mooring lines, some need a little attention. The picture below shows how at a minimum a vessel should moor to a single finger slip. Breast lines will keep your boat from moving laterally, while spring lines are meant to keep your vessel from moving forward and aft. All lines need to be relatively tight to ensure the vessel does not move, slack lines allow the vessel to move and could cause damage to your boat or others.



Vessel Safety Checks

Now is the perfect time to take advantage of this free service provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. They will help you ensure you have all the required safety gear for the size of your vessel.
Contact: Julie Vincenzini for more information (650)255-7133

Sierra Point Yacht Club

Ongoing and Upcoming Events:

Weenie Wednesday
Every Wednesday from 12pm—1pm
$3 Hot Dog & Chili
Beverages available for purchase

Beer Can Racing
Every Tuesday Starting May 6

Monthly Dinner
Saturday May 17th
6pm—11pm
Price to be announced