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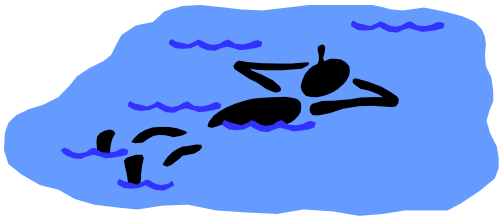
At their regular meeting of June 20, 2011, the Brisbane City Council approved a berth rate increase of 2% to fund Marina improvements. During the public comment period there was one lone voice in opposition, but also many boaters wrote letters, called in or told us they supported the increase and it's intended purpose. Given the struggling economy, shrinking resources and staff in maintaining the value of the amenities at the Marina, the Council and some of you boaters recognized the increase as a rational way to deal with the challenges ahead.

There is much maintenance to be done in our nearly 30 year old marina and the original boaters-only restrooms are in need of a refurbishment. Besides, you, the boaters, use them and through your berth fees, will pay for that refurbishment. Our City Council is to be commended for allowing the rate increase to go back into funding Marina improvements. That could not necessarily be said for other municipal marinas. It show that they care about the Marina as much as you do.

The new rate sheet is available at the Marina office or on our website. So, this is the official 30 day notice that the new berth rate will be $6.02 per foot for single finger berths and $6.61 for double finger berths. These new rates will commence with the billing on August 1, 2011, for the September berth rent. We will also be adjusting your security deposits to reflect the new berth rate.

As always, thanks again to everyone for your input, support and even the opposing voice. One thing about Brisbane is that everyone's voice gets heard and considered.

SALT WATER OR FRESH WATER



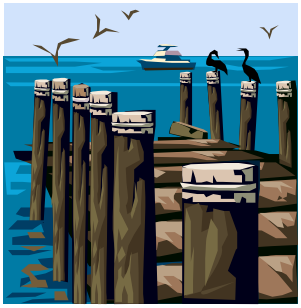
One's not for drinking, but both are fine for swimming, though the Bay is just a tad cold for cooling off or swim exercise. But did you know that Brisbane has a Community Pool and it's regularly heated to about 80˚ F? Did you also know that as a berth renter here, you can get the Brisbane resident rate to swim there? Well, you can. There are recreational swim times for those hot days, adult lap swim to stay in shape and adult water aerobics to keep fit. In addition to Red Cross swim programs to learn to swim, there are NAUI SCUBA diving classes and the Brisbane swim team for you competitors.

The Aquatics facility can also be booked for birthday party packages and private pool rentals. To take advantage of this wonderful City facility at the resident rate, be sure to bring a copy of your parking permit, gate key or a copy of your bill. The facility is located at 2 Solano Street between Silver Spot nursery school and Lipman Middle School.
There are men's and women's locker rooms and shower facilities. It's a whole new and different water world open to you where you can trade salt water for pool water. Splash!

Community Pool Phone: 415-657-4321

http://www.brisbaneca.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/facilities/community-pool

MORE THAN JUST A PLACE TO PARK BOATS



Those of us in the Marina Industry recognize the value of a marina. Real estate that is adjacent to a marina is generally more valuable than real estate adjoining a body of water. Additionally, people are drawn to the tranquility and curiosity of marinas. Our own Brisbane Marina Green falls under City policy regarding renting the picnic areas for such things as family gatherings, reunions, company picnics, birthday parties and even weddings.

Similarly, the adjacent parking lots and even the streets have hosted bicycle races, car club picnics, car shows and the upcoming Brisbane Car and Marina Festival, that will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2011. The Brisbane Car and Marina Festival is a joint effort by the city of Brisbane's Chamber of Commerce, the City's Lions Club, the Sierra Point Yacht Club and the Marina.

We will be looking for classic boats in the Marina to participate in a floating open-house and public education display to be held on dock 1 that day.

Although these events sometimes lend themselves to traffic and parking challenges, the overall benefits to the public, participants and boaters puts a festive flair on what is otherwise a parking lot for boats and cars.

We expect the Brisbane Car and Marina Festival to be a popular and fun event. We invite anyone with a classic boat who would like to participate and show off their boat to call the Harbor Master's office at 650-583-6975. We want to make Brisbane Marina more than just a place to park a boat.



SPYC & OTHER EVENTS

SPYC Sunday breakfast every Sunday through September from 9am—11am

SPYC Tuesday night Beer Can Races every Tuesday through August

Car Show, Saturday, July 9

Ericson Fleet Cruise-In, Saturday, July 16

SPYC Monthly Dinner, Saturday, July 23, 6pm

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS OR LNM

The LNM that is published and distributed weekly by the U.S. Coast Guard is downloaded, printed and posted in the Harbor Master's office.

In it, it lists special notices regarding charts, aquatic events, marine projects, homeland security issues and navigational aid discrepancies for you mariners, er, boaters, while on the water.

This information is provided in the office for you to review during normal business hours. You can also find it online at http://www.navcen.uscg.gov

Additionally, in the recent LNM, you'll see that we reported the Brisbane Marina light #1 is extinguished under "Discrepancies for Private Aids". We service the navigational aids with our support boat and as of this writing our boat is down with serious engine problems. Until we get the boat operational again, that light will continue to be out. So if you're out boating at night, please be aware of this and exercise caution in the area.

Ted Warburton
Harbor Master