

MAY 2016

# VALLEJO MARINA NEWSLETTER



## FUN FACTS

- QUARANTINE COMES FROM THE LATIN WORD FOR 40, WHICH WAS THE NUMBER OF A DAYS A SHIP HAD TO WAIT TO DOCK BECAUSE OF THE PLAGUE.
- ONE OF THE MIGHTIEST PIRATES THAT EVER LIVED WAS A CHINESE FEMALE NAMED CHING SHIH. SHE CONTROLLED HUNDREDS

## WORKING ON YOUR BOAT?

### MAKE SURE NOTHING ENDS UP IN THE WATER!

Marinas are under increasing scrutiny and it is vital that whenever you are doing maintenance above decks on your vessel that you protect the environment. **Preventing ANY dust & debris from getting into the water is required!** Use tarps to create wind breaks and traps, use your shop vac attached to power tools and don't do work that will create dust topside when it is windy! If everyone does their part we can help forestall proposed government regulations that will be an even greater burden. If you have any questions about the scope of your planned work please contact the Harbor Office!

## WATER CONSERVATION

Did you know that the marina uses thousands of gallons of water a day? That's a lot of water. We're facing drought conditions again this year so...

PLEASE HELP CONSERVE WATER!

- Use a nozzle on your hose.
- Please Report All Leaks!
- Turn your faucet OFF when you are done using your hose.
- Charged hoses can LEAK!

## New Marina Berthing Rates

Vallejo Municipal Marina berth rates have not increased in over seven years although operation costs continue to rise. A study was recently conducted to review services provided and fees charged by local comparable marinas. Based on the results of that study, a new rate schedule is being proposed with a forecasted implementation date of July 1, 2016. Berthers will be provided official 30-day notices upon approval of the rate increases. Please visit the Marina office to review the proposed rate/fee schedule.



# DREDGE PLANS FOR PORTIONS OF J DOCK UNDERWAY. SOIL SAMPLING COMPLETE...STAGING FOR DREDGE PLANNED FOR FALL 2016!!!



## VTIP

### IS YOUR BOAT AN ANCHOR???

IF YOU, A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR HAVE A RECREATIONAL BOAT THAT YOU NO LONGER WANT, THE FREE, EASY AND SAFE VESSEL TURN-IN PROGRAM MAY BE THE SOLUTION. CONTACT THE MARINA OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY FOR THE VTIP. THE VTIP IS AN OPTION TO HELP BOAT OWNERS PROPERLY DISPOSE OF UNWANTED VESSELS, AND TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF AGING AND ABANDONED BOATS IN CALIFORNIA.

NEVER ABANDON OR SINK A VESSEL TO DISPOSE OF IT. NOT ONLY DOES IT POSE AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD ON OUR STATE'S WATERWAYS BUT IT IS ALSO ILLEGAL WITH FINES UP TO \$3000.

## Boating Clean & Green

### Cleaning Tips

- Keeping your boat rinsed regularly will prevent the need to use boat soap, saving the environment and saving you time and money.
- Using a protective boat wax will decrease the chances of dirt and grease becoming stuck to your boat. Less harsh ingredients (such as baking soda and vinegar) will prolong the life of your boat wax.
- More toxic cleaning sprays are better for the environment if you perform spot checks with them and minimize runoff by using a towel or rag.
- Follow all dilution instructions. More soap does not mean more clean.
- When possible, remove the boat from the water and clean where debris can be captured and properly disposed of.
- Look for the EPA Design for the Environment logo to see how the ingredients in your boat soap stack up.

### EPA Safer Choice Label

Products with the Safer Choice label help consumers and commercial buyers identify and select products with safer chemical ingredients, without sacrificing quality or performance. More than 2,000 products currently qualify to carry the Safer Choice label. Safer Choice products are available. Please visit the Environmental Protection Agency's website for a list of products that have the Safer Choice Label at:

<https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/safer-ingredients>

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