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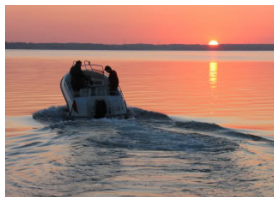
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From the Helm

The month of May is all about opening days in the San Francisco Bay. A special thank you to all that participated in the Vessel Safety Check event in preparation for sailing season. We hope all of you have an entertaining and memorable boating season!

*Greg Sinks - General Manager
California Recreation Company*

South Bay Opening Day



May is all about opening day in the San Francisco Bay. The 73rd Annual South Bay Opening Day Boating Festival and "Decorated Boat

Parade" will take place from Friday, May 13th through Sunday, May 15th at the Port of Redwood City. This year's theme of "Wild Life on the South Bay," includes fun activities, great food, live music, exhibits and more. It's sure to be a fun event to bring your friends and family to.



The festival will begin Friday evening with dinner at the San Leandro Yacht Club and end on Sunday morning with a Gin Fizz Brunch at the South Bay Yacht Club. Throughout the event, there will be exhibits, water activities and various dining options throughout South Bay. On Saturday at 10:30 a.m., the "Decorated Boat Parade" and "Blessing of the Fleet" occurs at the observation deck of the Port of Redwood City. Spectators will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite decorated boat to determine this year's winner of the coveted "Spectators Choice Award."

All activities, except meals, are free to the public which makes this event the perfect way to kick off the season!

For more information or to enter your vessel into the Parade, please visit southbayopeningday.org.

Welcoming Our New Tenants

We are excited to welcome our newest tenants to Bair Island Marina! Lewis Allen, Jean and Roger Delong and Tim Dooley have all chosen to join our Marina Family. If you ever need a helping hand, our Marina Staff are here to help any way we can!

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Five Must Do's of Safety



Boat trips are often a fun experience for you and your guests, however, it can be extremely helpful to ensure that everyone on board knows how to handle an emergency if one should arise. Here are some safety tips that take little time to do and can make all the difference for a safe time for all aboard.

1. Make sure everyone has a Personal Floatation Device.



Make sure all your guests try on their life jackets before the trip to ensure a good fit and either wear the jackets during the trip or place them in an easily accessible location. Remember that children under age 12 must wear a PDF at all times!

2. Show Everyone How to Stop the Boat.

If you are in the water or having a medical or other emergency, it is vital your guests know how to stop the boat. Under sail, show them at least how to release the mainsheet and jib sheet immediately. For power vessels, show guests how to shut down the engine.

3. Identify Where the Fire Extinguishers are Located.

Make sure everyone on board knows where the extinguishers are and how to release them from a mounting bracket.



4. Explain How to Use the Boat's Radio.

Many guests may assume that in case of an emergency, they can call 911. However, out in open water, cell phones may not get a signal. Therefore, it's important all individuals know how to use your VHF radio. A distress call on the VHF radio can be heard by nearby boaters and the Coast Guard will hear it anywhere within US waters. In addition, ensure that at least one guest knows how to read longitude and latitude off the GPS so that they can provide that information in an emergency call.



5. Explain the Plan if Someone Falls Overboard.

Make sure everyone knows to react by either stopping the boat or throwing a life ring to them immediately. One person should be assigned to watch any overboard passengers at all times while they are in the water.

Music on the Square



May brings with it the start of "Music on the Square" in Downtown Redwood City. Redwood City is known for its large variety of free concerts and entertainment, featuring top-quality local and national performers. Starting Friday, May 6th, "Music on the Square" will occur every Friday from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Square through October. This is a great way to hear live music and spend some time with your friends and family. We invite you to come down and stay on your vessel at Bair Island Marina for the weekend.

For more information on "Music on the Square" and other free events in Downtown Redwood City, please visit redwoodcity.org/events.