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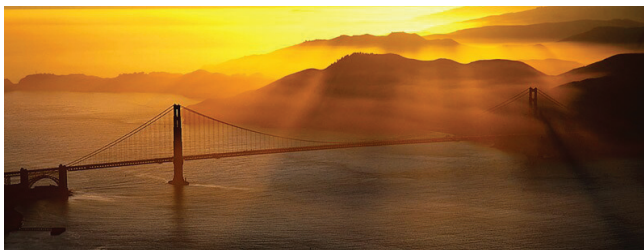
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## From the Helm

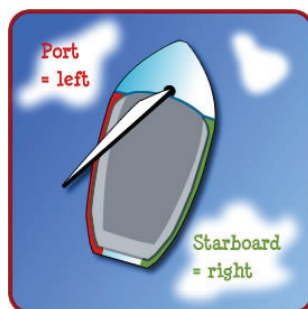
We hope that the fog and rain of the winter months have not prevented you from enjoying the beautiful scenery in Northern California. As we enter Spring, we hope that you will stop by our Marina Office and share with us your exciting boating adventures. Let us know how we can better serve you while you make Bair Island Marina your boating home!

*Greg Sinks*  
General Manager  
California Recreation Company



## Did You Know?

We use "port" and "starboard" to define left or right of the boat, but did you ever wonder where these terms came from? The word "starboard" literally means the side on which the ship is steered. The origin of this term comes from early boating practices when boats were steered by the use of steering oars (before ships had rudders). These oars were held by oarsmen and, since most of the sailors were right-handed, the steering oar was kept on the right side. Since the steering oars were on the right side, the boat needed to dock on its left side at all ports in order to prevent the steering oar from being crushed. Thus, the word "port" has been used to define the left side of the boat.



## America's Cup

### *San Francisco to Host in 2013!*

For the first time in 18 years, San Francisco will host the 34th America's Cup in 2013. The America's Cup sailing race is the



oldest event in international sport sailing that symbolizes the pursuit of sporting excellence. In 1851, the yacht *America* from the New York Yacht Club won the Royal Yacht Squadron's 100 Guinea Cup held in England. Upon returning to the United States, the crew of the *America* donated the trophy to the New York Yacht Club under a Deed of Gift. Since then, the competition has been held as a race for excellence around the world.



The 34th America's Cup promises to be an exciting one as the event authority has improved the race by bringing thrilling new boats, a new format for racing and television and web coverage.

For more information, visit [www.americascup.com](http://www.americascup.com)

## The Historical Seaport

### *Tall Ships Lady Washington & Hawaiian Chieftain*

From Tuesday, February 1st through Thursday, February 3rd, right here in the Port of Redwood City, the Tall Ships *Lady Washington* and *Hawaiian Chieftain* will be docked for walk-on tours at 4 p.m. daily. These free tours are a great way to learn about the history of these boats with your family and friends.



Also, if you are looking for an adventure aboard these boats, on Friday, February 4th at 8 a.m. you can ride these tall ships as they journey up the San Francisco Bay to Oakland. A ticket is required to travel on these tall ships, and a meal is provided during the passage. It is a great way to traverse the San Francisco Bay Area!

For more information, please call 800-200-5239 or visit [www.historicalseaport.org](http://www.historicalseaport.org)



## Something to See ...

### *Red & White Fleet: New City Lights Cruise*

The Red and White Fleet has launched a new City Lights Cruise that will only run until March 30, 2011. Departing from Pier 43, the



casual, two-hour cruise will pass by the dramatically lit San Francisco skyline and cruise under both the Golden Gate Bridge and Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge. The cruise includes live guitar entertainment, hearty buffet appetizers and a hot or cold beverage from the bar.

Cruise along San Francisco's coast at night with views of the city lights, modern skyscrapers and historic landmarks, the infamous island of Alcatraz and under the impressive San Francisco Bay and Golden Gate Bridges, while sharing drinks with friends and family. The buffet includes a variety of sandwiches, salads, fruit and dessert. Heated indoor spaces with large viewing windows and upholstered seating, as well as, outdoor viewing decks are available.



Advance bookings are recommended. For more information, visit [www.redandwhite.com/city\\_lights\\_cruise.asp](http://www.redandwhite.com/city_lights_cruise.asp)

## Welcoming Our New Tenants

It is the California Recreation Company's pleasure to introduce John Chladek to our Bair Island Marina. We hope you are enjoying your time with us and are meeting your new neighbors. We are glad you have joined us just in time for the beginning of boating season!