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From the Helm

We'd like to thank all of our Tenants for your efforts in helping to clear our car park for the tree removal and repaving of the lot. We appreciate your cooperation and support as we continue to strive for ways to improve our Marinas for you and future Tenants of California Recreation Company.

With Thanksgiving quickly around the corner, we can't help but feel grateful for family, friends and each one of you. It has been such a pleasure getting to know each one of you and we look forward to a great holiday season filled with excitement and memories. We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a growing sense of holiday cheer!



*Greg Sinks - General Manager
California Recreation Company*

Welcome New Tenants

CRC is grateful to announce that we have two new tenants, Paul and Summer Torrez that have joined our Marina family. We welcome you to let us know if there is anything that we can do to make yourselves more at home and look forward to seeing you out on the docks.

Macy's Tree Lighting Ceremony

On November 26th, Macy's will give the gift of a fun-filled Christmas event that celebrates the season and gives families a warm feeling as they are entertained by singers, dancers, orchestras and choirs. Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping and enjoy the festivities starting at noon for a day full of holiday cheer. The tree lighting will start at 6 p.m but guests are encouraged to get there much earlier as the popularity of this event draws thousands. Benefiting the UCSF Benoiff Children's Hospital, individuals looking to help the program and patients can sponsor a light on the tree for a small donation. Let this complimentary event kick-off your holiday cheer and sense of giving as the tree lights up with seasonal colors and faces brighten with smiles awe.

For more information on this event or how to donate to the cause, please call 415.393.3459.



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Discovery of the S.S. Gairsoppa



The sea has always held great mysteries under its glassy surface but after 50 years of searching holds one fewer than years before, the *S.S. Gairsoppa*. Sunk by a German U-Boat during WWII off the coast of Ireland, the recent discovery of the British merchant ship has historians and Odyssey Marine Exploration Inc., the recovering American salvaging company, thrilled at this new find. Harboring 2,369 tons of precious metal cargo, valued at the time to \$931,000 in silver ingots, this recovery marks the largest in history reaching a current value of \$233 million. Historians had previously found a cargo ledger from the Llyod's War Loss document that itemized the treasures aboard and knew that the *S.S. Gairsoppa* would be both a discovery of historical relevance and great fortune.



A wealth that will be split, over the next two years it will take to retrieve the silver with an 80% share going to Odyssey Marine Exploration and the remaining

amount to the British Department of Transport. It's a truly exciting discovery and a mystery solved for the missing cargo of the *S.S. Gairsoppa*.

For more information, visit shipwreck.net

Bilge Pump Systems

A bilge pump system can keep your boat from sinking and, with rainy season upon us, it is important to frequently test your bilge pumps by switching from the automatic to manual position on your pump switch. However, this doesn't guarantee that the pump will work when left



unattended. You should also check the automatic float switch by manually raising it to make sure that it turns on the pump. Check for debris or corrosion that might keep the float switch from floating up properly because if this switch fails, the pump won't turn on. There are two factors which must be considered when creating an adequate bilge pump system, the capacity of pumps (GPH) and the number of pumps. Follow this breakdown of the minimum bilge pump system based on boat length:

- For boats 16' – 20', there should be 2 pumps with 2500 GPH for total capacity.
- For boats 21' – 26', there should be 2 pumps with 3000-3500 GPH for total capacity.
- For boats 27' – 35', there should be 3 pumps with 6500-4500 GPH for total capacity.
- For boats 36' – 42', there should be 3 pumps with 6000 GPH for total capacity.
- For boats 43' – 49', there should be 3-4 pumps with 8000 GPH for total capacity.

Better safe than sorry, so make sure you have tested your pump system and wipe away the worry of not having your bilge system work when you need it the most.