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Welcome Message

California Gray Whales make the most spectacular and longest mass migration of any marina mammal. Whale watching in Santa Cruz and the Monterey Bay provides some of the best views of the California Gray Whale as they pass through the waters off Santa Cruz on their annual migration from Alaska to



Mexico in the winter months. In late winter and spring, Humpback Whales return to Santa Cruz as they



search for food in the nutrient-rich waters of Monterey Bay. We hope you are able to enjoy the

excellent whale watching off our coastline this winter and look forward to seeing you out on the docks.

*Greg Sinks - General Manager
California Recreation Company*

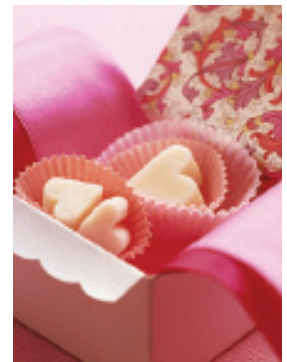


Welcome New Tenants!

It is our pleasure to introduce Elizabeth Frieder and Mike Morehouse to our Marina. We hope that you enjoy your stay with us. We are here to assist in making your Marina the perfect boating home.

Valentine's Day

We wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day! And in the spirit of Valentine's Day, we want to congratulate Martin Morris and Stephanie Maurer on their recent engagement.



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Clean Marina

We are proud to say that all of our Marinas are certified as *California Clean Marinas* by the Marina Recreation Association. Bair Island Marina has been certified since 2006 and since we all share a part in keeping our Marinas clean, here are some tips to help keep our waters pristine:



1. **Prevent oily bilge discharges by conducting regular boat maintenance.** Keep your engine well tuned, inspect fuel lines, hoses and gaskets.
2. **Place oil absorbents in the bilge.** By soaking up oil and other engine fluids that leak into the bilge, absorbents prevent automatic bilge pumps from discharging oily bilge water into waterways and harming aquatic life. An oil absorbent pillow or pad can generally soak up to one quart of oil and can last for months in the bilge.
3. **Take your used oil absorbents to your local Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection center.**



Did you know...

Aloof comes from the old Dutch word loef which means windward. It was adopted by English sailors in the 16th and 17th centuries and in books of old voyages is written variously as aluffe, a-luff and aloof. It describes a vessel among a fleet of ships which sails higher into the wind so that she draws away from the others. Therefore it has come to mean 'one that stands apart.'