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The Newsletter of the City of Monterey Waterfront

June 2004

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## Coast Guard Launch Ramp Update

The City's west launch ramp, near the Coast Guard wharf, is in the process of being extensively reconstructed. The center boarding float will be removed, and the ramp widened to 32 feet. Much longer boarding floats will be placed on both sides of the ramp, making the ramp effectively a three-vehicle ramp with about 10 times more staging area for boats to tie than presently exists. These improvements alone will be a huge benefit to boaters who have had to put up with acute congestion on this ramp.

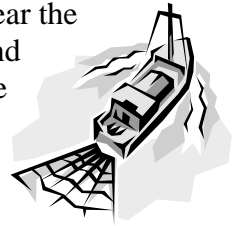
In addition to these improvements, the float on the southern side will have an extra-

long ramp to allow persons in wheelchairs, or others with disabilities, a gentle slope to get access to the launch ramp float. It is also hoped that on this dock will be eventually placed a device that could enable persons in wheelchairs to be placed directly into certain types of vessels.

This project is being funded mostly through grant funds from the California Department of Boating and Waterways and the Coastal Conservancy, with the City also contributing to the project. ❖

## Fishermen's Fiesta

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to 4 PM, there will be a festival celebrating the history and importance of commercial fishing to this region. There will be numerous information booths, food stands, and most importantly, a number of commercial boats on display in their berths near the ramps of A and H tiers. There will be crews on these boats to talk to the public about the environment, fishing practices, sustainability, and the economics of fishing. A flyer announcing this event is found in this issue of Tide Lines.



All boaters should be aware that there will be **no permit or public parking allowed** on the west side of Wharf II on this day. The west side parking spaces will be used for a pedestrian corridor and for information booths. We hope that you will all come and enjoy this event. If you need to park and there's no parking available in the metered area (which is free to permit holders), then please park in the Waterfront Lot. ❖



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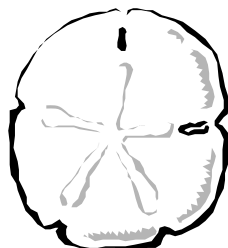
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## Marina Berth Rate Increase Deferred

There is mostly good news for boaters in that the consumer price index for the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose area for the year ending March 1, 2004 showed only a .2% increase. This is so small that the City Council accepted a staff recommendation to not raise the fees at all this year, but to accumulate the .2 percentage onto any rise in the CPI for next year.

It's unquestionably good news that the CPI rose so little last year. A warning, however, is that fuel costs in particular accelerated rapidly immediately after this index was announced, and it's quite likely that a more substantial rate increase may occur next year.

As many of you know, the City is required to adjust the marina berth rates annually by changes in the CPI as indicated by the San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose index by the State of California through our loan agreements for marina construction projects with the Department of Boating and Waterways. ❖



## Welcome to the Harbor Rodger Rauch

We are very pleased to announce that Rodger Rauch has assumed the position of Waterfront Maintenance Supervisor. Rodger earned this position by working his way up through the ranks of the Public Works Department, beginning with his hiring in 1982. Rodger's high work ethic, his eagerness to learn, and his ability to work with people in a friendly manner were all qualities that we sought. Additionally, Rodger is a small boat owner and an active sport fisherman.



In his duties, Rodger and our maintenance crew maintain all of our marina structures, the two launch ramps, all of Municipal Wharf 2, the City owned portion of Wharf 1, and our workboats. It's a big job and we're pleased to have Rodger on board with us. We hope that you will welcome him. ❖

## HarborWeb Site

For those of you who are on line, the Harbor has an internet web site that can be found at [www.monterey.org/harbor](http://www.monterey.org/harbor). If you have suggestions for additional materials or information you think would benefit the waterfront community, please let us know. ❖

## Test your Knowledge

### True or False

1. Sailboats under sail in the marina always have the right of way over power vessels.
2. Generally speaking, in a narrow channel the vessel most restricted in its ability to maneuver has the right of way.
3. The Outer Harbor mooring area is a special anchorage area.
4. It's OK to ignore the channel & fairway markers, because they are just guidelines.
5. Before entering the marina, you should sound your horn using one prolonged blast.
6. It's OK to pump fuel or oil from your bilge through the pump-ahead facility.
7. When you are finished using the boat hoist, the boom should be returned to its home location (parallel to dock) to avoid damaging another vessel.
8. Automotive battery chargers contribute to excessive zinc wear and galvanic corrosion.
9. Radio checks and non-emergency chatter on VHF Channel 16 is OK.
10. The oily water bilge pumpout station at Breakwater Cove is free.

See back page for the answers. ❖

## Department of Boating & Waterways Under Threat

*In* response to the significant shortfall in the California budget, Governor Schwarzenegger is reorganizing state agencies in order to save money. One of the proposals will be to eliminate the California Department of Boating and Waterways. It would, in all likelihood, be absorbed by State Parks and Recreation. This would be a gigantic loss to the state's boating industry. Ironically, California has just become the most populous boating state in the country, passing Florida and Michigan. This evolution has been due, in no small part, to the tremendous work Cal Boating has done over the past 40 years. The Monterey Harbor, in particular, has benefited with nearly 100% of our boating infrastructure funded through

Cal Boating loans and grants. Its programs lead the nation in innovation and resource allocation. The Department of Boating and Waterways is funded totally by user fees generated by fuel taxes at marina fueling stations, like ours. Department of Boating and Waterways' staff and programs are totally independent of other state funds and are no burden to the current state budget crisis. We think that the Department of Boating and Waterways is a star, and needs to be left intact. Please write to the Governor now, and ask that the Department of Boating and Waterways be left in place. There is a sample letter on the website at [www.monterey.org/harbor/governor.doc](http://www.monterey.org/harbor/governor.doc) to send to Governor Schwarzenegger. ❖

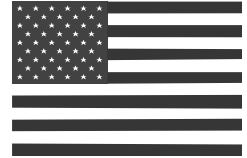
## Outer Harbor News

Since our last *Tide Lines*, we have been working on assigning several moorings to our wait list customers. We would like to congratulate the following individuals: Greg & Annie Cull from the 30-foot wait list, Sal Megna and Mario Teering from the 25-foot wait list. Released from mooring transference assignment fees were Richard Scott, Keith Raybould, and Ed Vaughn, who paid these fees until their names came up on our waiting list. ❖

## Cruise Ship Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VESSEL</u>
June 8	Pride of Aloha
June 17	Pride of Aloha
June 19	Pride of America
June 21	Pride of America
Sept 9	Pride of Aloha
Sept 16	M/V Silver Shadow
Sept 19	M/V Silver Shadow
Sept 25	M/V Mercury
Oct 4	M/V Mercury
Oct 11	M/V Mercury
Oct 18	M/V Mercury
Oct 25	M/V Mercury
Nov 4	M/V Mercury

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