



CYM-Chula Vista's DITTY BAG



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A Note From The Helm

It's time to look back at the year that ended all too quickly and reflect on our own accomplishments. Did we do all that we set out to do? Did we reach our goals? Did we try?

And if we didn't...

It's time to plan for the New Year! New goals! New resolutions! New hopes and dreams!!!

Further, January announces the beginning of winter as a time to catch up on reading, repair sails, keep the hatches closed and try to stay warm.

We hope that you've reached your goals for 2011 and that 2012 brings you all that you wish for.

Above all, we wish you an abundant New Year filled with health and happiness for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Gerald Thomas, Kevin Ketchum and Bill Thomas

Choose Your Neighbors!

Are you anticipating the purchase of a different boat and wish to know what slips might be available? Do you have close friends at California Yacht Marina – Chula Vista and desire to be near each other? Visit our Marina Office to see what might be possible. We have a few 25' thru 70' slips available. Existing CYM-Chula Vista customers always have priority in slip selection and are also rewarded when they refer a friend.

For more details visit or call us today!

(619) 422-2595

Thank You!

California Yacht Marina would like to thank everyone for their donations to our Annual Toys 4 Tots Drive.

This year, the toy drive collected more than 50 new toys to give to needy children in our area.

Your support of this event makes it possible for these children's Christmas dream of a little toy a reality. We want you to know that the success of the toy drive is only possible through the kindness and generosity of people like you. Whether you donate money, a doll, a bike or your time, please know how very much it is appreciated. We would like to especially thank our Marina customers, vendors and staff.

We would like to extend to you our best wishes for a prosperous new year. Thank you once again for your support of this annual event. We hope we can count on your future support as well.

The Boat Decorating Contest Was A Big Success!

The CYM-Chula Vista and CVYC's annual boat decorating contest was a big hit again this year and CYM-Chula Vista has received several comments on how wonderful it is that we do this every year. In addition to that, the Chula Vista Yacht Club its-self would like to thank all the non-member boats that turned out to make this an even bigger and better event.

Congratulations go to Phil Thuys and Cindy Knight C08, 41' Hatteras "Airline Lady" for winning the grand prize: \$250.00 slip credit.

First Place: John and Penny Duning D15, 34' Islander "Bag End" they won \$100.00 slip credit.

Second Place: Mike and Michelle Stanich A31, 56' Columbia "Dream Weaver" they won \$50.00 slip credit.

If you didn't get to see them, make it a point to do so next year or better yet make it a point to join in.

Teamwork

Achieving successful teamwork can be a delicate balance. We learn after working together a lot to know and trust one another other. I was lucky this year to have that teamwork very much in evidence as my team and I raced our 2011 season on my boat, *Sea Maiden*, to a Championship win in the PHRF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet) in all three categories: Offshore Distance racing, Buoy Racing and the Overall Championship. You can see us celebrating in the photo to the left.



That same teamwork applies here at California Yacht Marina and I am very privileged to have become a part of that this year. I think you'll all agree that the CYM staff is a great team. You've all recently welcomed our newest swing safety officer, Jessica Walker. The newest member of our team is Ben Hill in maintenance and I know you'll all give him a very warm welcome also.

There's more to the teamwork here than just the staff and that more is all of you. All of you make such a difference in the way you come together helping us and each other when needed.

So I just wanted to say **thanks to all of you** for always pitching in as part of the team here at CYM all year and to wish you a Happy New Year.

I hope you all look forward with Junior and me to a terrific 2012.

Carolyn

Marina Officer Manager

Welcome!



Ben



Jessica

You may have noticed two new faces at the marina. Jessica is our newest Safety Officer and Ben is our newest Maintenance team member. Please be sure to say hello and introduce yourself to them when you see them on the docks!

It's Your Money

When You Sell Your Boat ... Please remember that YOU are the slip occupant of record, and as such you are responsible for slip fees until one of two things happen:



- The boat is removed from the marina (presumably by the new owner); or,
- The new owner executes a new license agreement in his/her name (provided he/she and the vessel meet CYM's requirements and that there is a slip available).

The mere act of selling the boat does not automatically mean you will no longer be billed for its slip.

Remember that the slip is not automatically transferred with the sale of your boat. Ideally, bring the purchaser with you to the office to report the sale and have him/her fill out an application for a new slip. At a minimum, ensure that he/she does so. Otherwise, you can expect to continue to be billed for slip fees.

Getting With The Program!

The office is now in the process of installing a new marina program that will definitely help us to serve you better. With this new program we now have the capability to email customer invoices, the going's-on, and even for emergency purposes. But in order for us to do that we will need to collect everyone's email address. Oh, and while you're doing that, this would also be a good time to make sure that the office has all of your emergency contact info, along with cell-phone numbers.



Cruz Control

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year to all of you! 2011 has been a very challenging year for all of us and 2012 shows signs of the same. Our staff at CYM-CV has been working diligently to maintain our marina in a fashion that all who use it can enjoy it and be proud to call CYM home. Our Maintenance crew has been busy with painting projects all over the marina. We have been able to freshen up our palm tree light fixtures, bollard light caps, the fillets and gussets on the docks and we have more painting projects lined up for 2012. Early this summer the guys have replaced all the wheels on our ramps to keep them working at peak. They also installed the trash skimmer stations close to the ramps so that debris and trash can easily be fetched out of the water at any time. We have noticed a great number of our boaters using these skimmers to pull trash out of the water when they see it, so a BIG THANKS to you for helping us keep your home clean! As you may have noticed that our palm trees were trimmed in the summer time and the guys do a great job of keeping the parking areas clean. In fact, we are planning to have our parking lot cleaned, resurfaced and repainted in the beginning of 2012. As a matter of fact, as I write this our Corral trees are being trimmed and looking good! Also, this past summer you may have noticed that we placed live hanging plants in our restrooms along with wicker baskets and folded towels to add a little more life to these spaces and you all know that we are always open to suggestions. I want to say thanks to all those boaters that expressed their appreciations for all the Christmas decorations in the office, around the facility and the lights on the building. Some of you have even said that they should stay up and lit all through the year because it looks very nice at night. I don't know if we'd be able to do that, but I promise you that next year's display will be even better! One last thing, we are planning to have the marina building and the Yacht Club tented for termites at the beginning of the year. We will give all plenty of notice as customers with lockers will be affected more so than others.

Thank you again, for berthing with us and for your continued patronage and loyalty in 2011 and we promise that we will work even harder in 2012 to keep you our number one priority.

Happy New Year!

Jr. Cruz
Marina Dockmaster



DINGHY OWNERS

Our Office has just upgraded the Marina software and we are doing the best we can to get it up to speed and working right. We can use your help though! If you have a dinghy with a CYM decal that the identifying numbers have faded or the decal has flaked off, please come to the office so that we can issue you a new one.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation!

**NEIGHBORLY
DISCOUNT** 

California Yacht Marina boaters are now eligible for a 10% discount at The Knight and Carver Yacht Center in National City. In addition to that, CYM boaters also get \$3 off each labor hour! Sounds like the perfect time to get that bottom paint!

For additional information, please contact:

Mike Alvarez, Yard Manager @ (619) 336-4141.

**Picking Up
After Bowser** 

Be sure to regularly clean up after your pet, and dispose of waste in the trash or sanitary sewer system. When washed into storm drains, the coliform bacteria that are associated with animal feces can pose a serious threat to human health. Don't forget to bring a baggie when you walk your pet, and pick up after your pooch whether you're on public or private land - it's the law!

A Bargain Boat



A few simple questions when purchasing a second-hand powerboat or sailboat can save you a bundle, and possibly life and limb. Be careful of a bargain. Would you buy or live in a house without a roof? Probably not. That's why, during a drive to the harbor, it's interesting to see the number of uncovered boats for sale or sitting in yards.

When most people decide to purchase a used boat the first question they ask is, "Does she run?" While that may be very important in determining the value and safety of a vessel, a critically under-asked question is, "How well does she float?"

When a typical fiberglass small craft sits uncovered for a prolonged period of time the expensive upholstery and woodwork is not the only thing that is damaged. The rain water also seeps into the core, reducing the integrity of the wooden structure hidden beneath the layers of fiberglass. And although the cockpit may appear to be dry and sound, this skeleton may be heavily saturated, moldy and decomposed, especially if the waterlogged craft came from the east coast and was subjected to the pry bar forces of freeze-thaw cycles during seasonal storage. Such a boat will ride low in the water like a wet sponge in a bucket. That combined with high seas and loose joints could very well spell disaster.

When purchasing a used boat one wants to ensure its structural integrity and avoid a costly overhaul. A good rule of thumb is: Survey before you

pay. Hire a licensed marine surveyor to inspect the boat and certify that she is seaworthy. Your vessel will require this inspection to be insured anyway so prior to closing the deal is a good time to do it. This expense is nominal compared to the cost and time required to repair and replace the fiberglass and wood framing of a bargain boat. While this may seem like simple logic, it's surprisingly easy for even a sensible shopper to get carried away with the thrill and excitement of imagining oneself behind the helm of a lost and found vintage gem. Most of us have friends with their beloved unfinished project sitting in the garage for years beneath layers of boxes, dust and clutter.

While the risk of purchasing a dangerous craft may be easily avoided with a survey, there are still a number of boaters who've enjoyed their vessel for years and don't realize that their dream has gradually become unsafe. The most effective way a mariner can ensure this never happens is to keep their boat covered and dry. To cover a cockpit is to put a roof over a house.

The best place to get a quality boat top is from your local custom canvas shop. It will fit your boat like a glove and to your unique specifications. Cut-outs around the down riggers? Reinforcement for that fishing pole holder? Notch around that cleat? Not only will your custom cover be locally made, it will be from your own neighborhood. Go to the Marina or boat yard and ask around. Word of mouth is a great way to find someone whose work has made their customers happy. Inexpensive covers can be found to order on-line and while they'll save you a little cash they won't fit as well or last as long. Even a blue poly tarp from the hardware store will do in *A PINCH*. A quality mooring or cockpit cover is not an expense. It's a critically important investment to ensure the long-term value of your vessel and the safety of your passengers and crew.

The Ditty Bag

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CYM-Chula Vista customers.

The mission of the Ditty Bag is to keep CYM-Chula Vista members abreast of the "goings on" at our location and the surrounding boating community.

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