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Police Action!

By Pat Gadbois

Oceanside Harbor really is a small neighborhood with only one main road through it, all of which explains why a desperado might be well advised to commit a crime elsewhere! None of this seemed to matter as the year drew to an end and a not-very-bright thief decided to snatch a wallet out of the back pocket of a North Harbor boater who was bent over the trunk of his car in the parking lot stowing gear.

Boater George Boehmer and his fiancé Linda Coulson were driving by and heard the ruckus as the victim shouted at the guy. They made a U-turn, and chased after him with George leaning out the passenger window demanding that the thief stop now!

As the thief burned shoe leather, harbor live-aboard and retired OPD sergeant Manfred Olsen was cruising through the

same parking lot when he noticed the running man just as the guy jumped into the passenger seat of a Mustang convertible. The car's owner promptly told the crook to get out! The fleet of foot "perpetrator" took to his heels again, as the plucky wife of the boater ran after him across the parking lot screaming, "Stop that man! He mugged my husband!"

Manfred drove along side of the young man as he sprinted along the side walk in front of A-Dock trying to convince the thief to stop using his best "negotiating with criminals" sergeant's voice. Unable to shake Manfred, the guy jetted across the street and tried to sprint up the embankment to the base.

George Waterman saw what was transpiring from his van and raced across the street, up the embankment and tackled the thief, wrestling him to the ground in a head-lock! As Manfred crossed the street with his cell phone in hand, he reported the disturbance

and apprehension to OPD. In record time ten (Yes, 10 - I counted them!) Oceanside Police Department black and white cruisers paraded along Harbor Drive North with lights flashing and sirens blaring! They arrived to find the inept desperado face down with Manfred's number twelve shoe planted firmly on his backside, obviously in custody! Either it was a slow crime day in Oceanside or our hero retired cop knew exactly what to say to get their attention because this was the best response local boaters have ever witnessed!

Beyond having his feathers ruffled, his pants torn and his pocket's contents swiped, the victim was fine. He's still amazed that his wife could move so fast and had such a great pair of lungs! By the time that Manfred arrived at the Oceanside Yacht Club for the Charger's game, Commodore Boehmer and Linda had shared their adventure. Much to his amazement and embarrassment, Manfred discovered himself in the role of a local version of Wyatt Earp! All the woman wanted to kiss him and the men wanted to shake the hand of the hero! Aw shucks!



George and Linda sprang into action to lend a hand in chasing the crook!

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Parking Concerns

By Paul Gadbois

By now slip permit holders have received a letter detailing the Harbor Departments intent to enforce a 72-hour parking limit within the harbor. Most boaters are disgruntled about the proposed enforcement. The main question being asked by boaters is how the policy will affect fishing trips, cruises to Catalina, harbor hoping expeditions and other on-the-water activities that are longer than 3 days in duration. While the State of California may have a 72-hour limit on street side parking, or in public lots, the "Slip Renters Only" sections are dedicated to boater use and are not for public parking! This is the major reason boaters are issued harbor parking decals, two per slip with a different color for live-aboards.

The Small Craft Harbor District's *Harbor Precise Plan* that details the harbor's land-use plan delineates the number of Slip Renter Parking spaces necessary for each gangway's usage, how close they must be and other accessibility issues. It establishes and requires a set ratio of parking spaces per slip numbers. The plan specifically requires $\frac{3}{4}$ of a parking space per slip or 75 parking spaces per 100 slips. The required parking ratio must be within 300 feet of the gangway it serves. The Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District is expected to be in compliance.



Let The Harbor Department and the City Fathers know how you feel!

Parking is one of the few perks that comes with the price of slip rental within our harbor. Let's remember all of the special events that are staged in Oceanside Harbor that make it difficult for boaters to reach and use their vessels. We are often asked to put up with bumper to bumper traffic, nonexistent public parking, and sidewalk to sidewalk tourist foot-traffic during Harbor Days, the Ironman, the Festival of Tall Ships, and other special events occasions such as the Beach Soccer Tournament, the Parade of Lights and the Fourth of July just to get to our slips.

Boaters need to be able to leave their vehicles in a safe, secure parking lot when they are enjoying their vessels, without time constraints, or the inconvenience of having to ask the Harbor Department for special permission to park longer than the time limit. Neither should they have to ask friend to move their vehicles to be in compliance. The harbor limits how long boaters may stay aboard their vessels, now they want to limit how long we can enjoy them at sea!

Limiting the time boaters can park while using their vessels necessitates increased parking enforcement which is not cost effective in this time of limited financial resources for city governments. If the newly enforced regulations are aimed at a few slip renters who "store" their vehicles or otherwise abuse the parking privileges, then it is preposterous to target the majority who create no problem to address the isolated few who are guilty of excessive violations. It is also ludicrous to expect that all slip renters will have "nice-looking" vehicles that will impress the tourists or be targeted for removal. If only a few are to be targeted at the expense of all, it makes a mockery of the law, which certainly is not in the public interest.

I urge Slip Renters to send a written complaint to the Oceanside Department of Harbor and Beaches. Copy your concerns to all City Council Members, the Mayor, the City Manager and the Harbor Advisory Council. Addresses may be found on the city's web-site and most city officials have e-mail accessibility:

Mayor Jim Wood;
jwood@ci.oceanside.ca.us
(760) 435-3059

Councilwoman Ester Sanchez
esanchez@ci.oceanside.ca.us
(760) 435-3057

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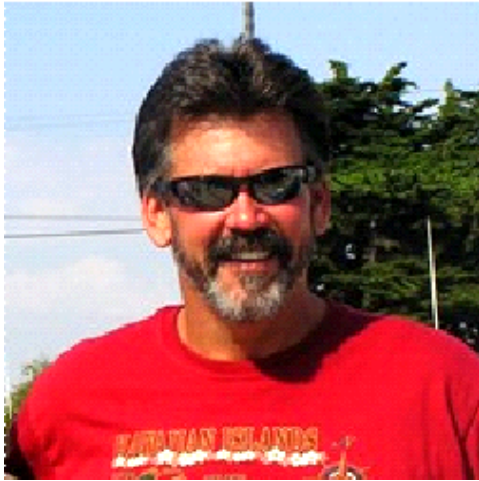
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One Boater's Opinion...



Harbor Parking Regulations Need to be Re-thought!

By Les George
S/V Obsession

I am sure that most Oceanside Harbor boaters have received the two letters from our Harbor Department; the first one is the notification of our slip increase and the second is regarding the new (or previously not enforced) parking regulations.

After reading the parking regulations, it seemed to me that they appeared to be all encompassing, including the general public as well as slip renters. Oceanside Harbor boaters are the holders of slip-permits with parking stickers that qualifies us to park our cars in specially designated areas that are not

available to the public.

Well, I phoned Frank Kuan, (760 435-4032), Harbor and Beaches Coordinator, and during our conversation he indicated that these regulations are for everyone including slip renters. This means, in a nut shell, that if you go to Catalina for a trip of more than 3 days and leave your car in Slip Renter designated parking area, you will be ticketed and possibly towed for not moving your vehicle every 72 hours!

After a long and somewhat heated discussion, I was told that there is a "White Board" in the Harbor Patrol Office and, if boaters were going to be gone, they needed to notify the Harbor Police who would put our names on the "White Board" and we would not get a ticket. What could possibly go wrong? Well, do you think that the Harbor Police and Parking Enforcement Department Officers keep a constant dialog going? I think not!

Anyway, I was told that they were now enforcing existing parking laws because a few boaters on the South side of the harbor were using their cars for storage. I asked, "Why not deal with the problem rather than creating another hoop that boaters have to jump through before going on a trip aboard our vessels?"

He responded with a comment about "selective law enforcement!" When has that ever been a problem in our harbor?

Just think what a mess it will be on the "White Board" when the large OYC Cruising Group

goes to Catalina for the Emerald Bay Cruise, or even during the summer when harbor boaters are out on the water doing our own individual thing. Remember, the Harbor reserves the right to rent our slips to transient boaters when we are gone. Could there be a hidden agenda in all of this?

If you feel that this is something that needs to be addressed, Frank Kuan is the guy to call and to whom you should voice your objections. This is very important to all of us as boaters. The next **Harbor Advisory Board** meeting is scheduled for **January 28th, 2010** in the City Council Chambers

I believe that if enough boaters call and voice their opposition, they will come up with a better way to fix the problems which the Harbor Administrators feel they need to address in our harbor. If you feel that the proposed solution to the parking problem is flawed, call Frank and let him know. He will return your call if you leave a voice message. These parking regulations will affect all boaters at some time or another and I think we all should let our opinions be known!

Name of Mayor or Councilmember
City of Oceanside
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in charge of Dept. of Harbor and
Beaches (760) 435-4000

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Lido 14 Racing...

By Hugh & Stevy Mast

Some of the fiercest sailors to ply the waters of Oceanside Harbor showed off their skills during a day of competition that included five races in Lido 14's. Oceanside's reputation for mild weather was proven again on this mid-December day with 73 degree temperatures...Northwest winds at 6-8 knots...no jet-skis...no bad crashes, just hard, close racing all day!

The Fleet used Rabbit Starts, ala the 505 World Championships, to allow all of the fleet's boats to compete in the sailing. Tim O'Connor, past Fleet 21 Champion, joined ranks with Jeff Satterwhite in *Hot Damn*. John Slattebo, a past Olympic contender, threw in with Sue Miller aboard *Lazlo*. Both high powered racing teams caused problems for the rest of the fleet.

Given Harrison and Lou Servatka in *Buckaroo* gave Larry Rowe and P C VanSlyke a dizzying 360 penalty in the close action

rounding the windward mark in race 3.

Jack and Margie Bouckeno demonstrated their contingency skills when their forestay shackle let loose. Margie and Jack each took a walk on the foredeck to retrieve sheets and reattach the errant component.

The hot-shot Oceanside Yacht Juniors, Slater McArdle and James Connor, tested some new equipment and had decent results to boot.

Fleet 21 Captain, Stevy Mast, dominated the day's racing with a little help from her crewman, Fleet Champion and husband, Hugh. The Windward-Leeward courses saw a ton of close covering. Downwind, the team close behind got a chance to squat on the wind of the unlucky craft immediately ahead of them.

After the racing, the Lido 14 Fleet rendezvoused at the OYC guest dock to de-brief, carouse, swap lies and just bask in the joy of a wonderful day of competitive fun!

The December races were practice for the Oceanside Lido 14 Fleet's Championship Series. The 20 race contest will resume on **Sunday, January 31, 2010**, and wrap up in May with the awarding of the VanSlyke Perpetual Trophy.

The Oceanside Lido 14 Fleet has a new "official" web-site:

<http://sites.google.com/site/lido14oceanside/home>

Check it out and follow all the fun of enjoyed by the hearty group of sailors. If you would like to know more about sailing with the Lido Fleet, you can contact them.



The racers were aboard at the yacht club to cheer for the winners including Monte Yearley who captured 3rd Place aboard his Shock 35, *Gringo!*

Holiday Regatta

By Paul Gadbois

Competitive spirits who are in love with sailing will seize any opportunity to go out and play on the water, even in the cold, crisp winds of mid-December, which is exactly what happened during OYC's Holiday Regatta! Along with Art Teranishi, and Joe Bruan, I was part of the Race Committee aboard Chic Brammer's 35-foot sport fishing machine, *Bad Habit*. I can attest to the fact that it was a very sloppy day to be at anchor on a powerboat, rock'n and roll'n, but the sailboats seemed ready to frolic and play in the heavy winds!



Hugh Mast won the 1st Place Trophy and Jay & Holly Davis took home the 2nd place honors in the Holiday Regatta.

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Responding to Census Workers

By Susan Johnson

With the 2010 U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? The Better Business Bureau offers the following advice: If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information

to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. **REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.**

"A complete and accurate address list is the cornerstone of a successful census," said Tom Mesenbourg, acting director of the U.S. Census Bureau. "The primary goal of the census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place," Mesenbourg said. "Because the census is used for reapportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and the distribution of more than \$435 billion in federal dollars every year to state and local governments, it's essential to get this first step right."

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, **YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.** Just simply say, "I decline to answer that question." The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is **NOT** with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email



that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

All census information collected, including addresses, are confidential and protected by law. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with the FBI, the IRS, CIA, Welfare, Immigration, or any other government agency. No court of law or law enforcement agency can find out respondents' answers. All Census Bureau employees — including temporary employees — take an oath for life to keep census information confidential. Any violation of that oath is punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and five years in prison.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org

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John Erhardt and crew in one of the RC boats gets ready to watch the "mosquito" fleet round the racing mark. (Photos by Judy Brammer)

Poinsettia Regatta...

Ya got'ta love it when a bunch of hard core racers take a Saturday off to run a regatta for about 40 kids from all over the county, which is exactly what happened during the Oceanside Yacht Club's Poinsettia Regatta! The skies were cloudy, the wind was cold and the competition was heated among the four fleets of Sabot sailors ranging in age from teens to primary school kids.

In keeping with a long-standing tradition, each of the young racers took home a lovely poinsettia plant. All of the winners of the 4 fleets proudly sported large medallions that were hung from green and white ribbons which the kids pronounced to be "kewl!"

It takes a lot of grown-ups to run an event like this and the Oceanside Racing Fleet turned out to support the youngsters.

Luncheon snacks were delivered to the racing venues so that the kids could get in five races before returning to the club house for the results and a huge pizza feed.



PRO Roger Shaw gets ready to start a race for the Green Fleet.

PRO Roger Shaw was pleased that none of the youngsters filed a protest and that good sportsmanship abounded from the entrants. Said Roger, "This has to exemplify the Corinthian spirit of racing in it's purest form!"

OYC Installs 2010 Bridge & Directors

The 2010 slate of officers and directors were sworn in during the Commodore's Ball and officially take office on New Year's Day. They are committed to maintaining the almost 5 decades of Oceanside Harbor yachting, racing and educational traditions!



(Rear, L-R) Directors Bruce Thompson, Chuck Nockey, Mike Borer, Paul Gadbois (Front. L-R) Karie Horst-Albert, R/C Bill Roush, C/ George Boehmer, V/C Jim Jenkins, & Lynda Shaw

Parade of Lights Winners!

By Jim Jenkins

The *Best of Show* trophy and prize was awarded to Joe and Sonya Cramer who decorated their Californian Trawler with purple and blue lights that created a unique display! They also won an outstanding prize - a free haul-out gifted by Oceanside Marine Centre owners, John and Myrtle Tyrrell.

The 1st Place for Power Boats was won by the *Azure Seas*. The award for the *Most Creative* was earned by Dave Mora on *Breathe of an Angel*. 1st Place in the Sailboat category was earned by Bill and Marybeth Thayer on *Wilakuk V*. The 2nd Place went to the OYC Juniors aboard OYC's *Sunsation*, and the 3rd Place went to Mike Borer's *So Inclined*. Honorable mention went to Steve Carbone aboard *Vela*.

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On the Horizon...

January 5th - Fleet Meeting;
7:00, OYC clubhouse, Open to all harbor racing/cruising skippers & crew. Questions? Contact Fleet Captain Paul Gadbois at 760-721-1516 or thecrewsnews@aol.com

January 9th - 2009 Yachting Awards, 8:00 at OYC; Open to all Racing Fleet Skippers, & Crew. Questions? Contact S/C Terri Manok; tmanok@sbcglobal.net

January 10 - Shannon Series; PRHF and OCF classes. Contact Paul Gadbois with questions thecrewsnews@aol.com or see NOR's at OYC web-site: www.oceansideyc.com

January 16 - SCYA US Sailing Race Management Seminar, SD
See SCYA web-site for details.

January 17 - Shannon Series, Part II. www.oceansideyc.com

January 23 - Cruiser's Raft-up Rendezvous at the Jolly Roger Docks. Contact OYC, Dave Bowser Cruise-Chair with questions or for reservations. www.oceansideyc.com

January 28 - 31 Sunroad Boat Show
San Diego CA
www.bigbayboatshow.com

January 30 - San Diego Anglers Open Bay Bass Tournament
www.sandiegoanglers.com

January 31 - Lido 14, Fleet 21, Racing. See group web-site <http://sites.google.com/site/lido14oceanside/hom>

February 2nd - Fleet Meeting, OYC clubhouse at 7:00

February 6th - 1/10th Ton Frostbite Regatta! Adult Racing in Sabot Class! Questions? Contact Fleet Captain Paul Gadbois at 760-721-1516 or thecrewsnews@aol.com or to reserve a Sabot. See www.oceansideyc.com for NOR's

February 13 -15 Cruiser's Trip & Rendezvous - SD. Contact OYC, Dave Bowser Cruise-Chair with questions or for reservations. www.oceansideyc.com

February 14 - Valentine's Day Sweetheart Special
Two Harbors CA
www.visittwoharbors.com

February 20-21 SCYA Midwinters Regatta . www.oceansideyc.com

February 25 -28 Los Angeles Boat Show
www.scma.com

February 27th - Second Annual Oceanside Harbor Sailing Social! Open to all harbor sailing skippers, crew & "Wanta Be's!" Facilitated by OYC. Questions? Contact Fleet Captain Paul Gadbois at 760-721-1516 or thecrewsnews@aol.com



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