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President's Report

By: Carl Kirnbauer
Outgoing President

After being at the helm of BOA for four exciting, and at times, tumultuous years, I'm pleased to announce the March 15, 2007 election of Andrew Sienkiewich as the incoming President of BOA. I'll be filling the Executive Vice President slot with the idea of being available to support Andy as needed. Andy has been our Executive Vice President and brings a broad background of skills to the job. We all look forward to having Andy carry on with the BOA goals of service to, and being the voice of, the Long Beach marina boat owners.

I believe that Andy is taking the helm of a thriving and dynamic BOA. As I look back over the last four years, I take pleasure in the opportunity to list some of BOA's major accomplishments. Of course, we have had our difficulties which include trying to function, at one grim time, with only two Board members and myself. We have subsequently developed much greater support and direction. As always, we continue to welcome boat owner participation as a Board member or Committee member as a vital part of maintaining a dynamic and responsive BOA.

Our accomplishments include:

1. Spearheading the drive to eliminate the Marine Bureau annual, automatic slip fee increases based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

BOA printed and mailed a petition to all Marina boat owners which demanded that the City of Long Beach rescind the annual, automatic slip fee increases. We had an unprecedented 1500 petitions returned to us. This was truly a grass roots effort because boatowners not only had to take the time to read, sign, and stuff the petition into an envelope but had to use their own stamp to mail it back in to us. Such an outpouring of support had never happened before in the history of BOA. Just goes to show that we boatowners can be a formidable force when we get riled up.

2. Improving the Gangway Gazette

Judging from the favorable comments we have been receiving, the Gangway Gazette has seen significant improvement. Although all Board members, as well as boatowners, have contributed to the content of the Gangway Gazette, Frank Ellsworth, as Editor, deserves much of the credit for the current success and popularity of the Gazette. In order to keep all boat owners informed about matters that impact their boating experience, the Gangway Gazette is mailed to ALL boatowners, whether or not the boatowner is a member of BOA. This mailing is expensive and is the main reason we ask all non-members to pony up with their \$20 membership. Your membership fee helps BOA to keep you informed.

3. Involvement in political and community affairs.

For the first time in the history of BOA, we have interviewed and recommend support for candidates for both the Second and Third District City Council seats. Shoreline Marina is in the Second District and Alamos Bay Marina is in the Third District. In addition, Board member Frank Farmer monitors all Second District meetings whenever the agenda carries any item that might impact on the Shoreline Marina. Board members Tammy Holden and George Valdespino monitor the Third District meetings. These Boards members act as your eyes and ears.

As part of a long standing tradition, BOA Board members continue to monitor and report on all Marine Bureau meetings including the Main Marine Advisory Committee meeting (Main MAC). MAC was instrumental in helping BOA in the repeal of the annual, automatic, slip fee increase based on the CPI for which we owe MAC a heartfelt thanks.

4. Respected by BOA members, boatowners, the Marine Bureau and the Community.

BOA takes our responsibility to boatowners, the Marine Bureau and the community quite seriously. A current example is the BOA participation in opposition to the Seaport Marina project on Second Street and Pacific Coast Highway. BOA was well represented at the Planning Commission meeting on March 15, 2007 speaking in opposition to the Seaport Marina project. The main point of BOA opposition is the traffic gridlock that we anticipate will occur at Second and PCH if the complex is built. In addition, our opposition supports the concerns of our Community neighbors such as the owners of the Marina Pacifica condos, Belmont Shores, Naples as well as our neighbors in Seal Beach. The entire community expects to be adversely affected by the project without any foreseeable benefit anticipated for the community.

In summary, none of these accomplishments would have been possible without the yeoman efforts of the above mentioned Board members as well as Board members Dick Barnes, Don Cobleigh, Alfredo Fernandez, Gary Goodson, Joseph Nicotera, Robert Schilling and Advisory Board members Harry Hutton, Joseph Towers, Michael Dugan and Frank Negrete. Special thanks in absentia to C.J. Strowbridge for her efforts above and beyond the call of duty in keeping our accounts in order. We are indeed blessed. As always, fair winds and smooth sailings. Carl Kirnbauer

KUDOS KORNER

By: Carl Kirnbauer

We have a bit of culture added to the Alamos Bay Marina. Sunday, February 25, was the launch date of the Arts and Crafts Fair.

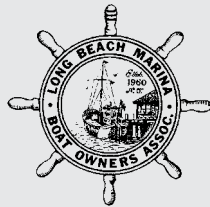
Mark Sandoval, Marine Bureau Manager, was there in person to ensure that everything went smoothly. Mark had made sure that the Fair's location did not impact adversely on boat owner's parking. The Fair is located at the far northwest end of the Basin 3 parking lot at the Marina Shipyard end. Even though the Farmer's Market is also running on Sundays, the two events are very well separated. It remains to be seen if the much heavier boat owner traffic in the summer months will require that changes be made. In any event, take a few minutes to check it out. Many different vendors to serve you including some with a great selection of hats.

In our November 2006 issue of the Gangway Gazette, Andy Sienkiewich, our Executive VP, wrote a highly informative article entitled "Need Dock Repairs?" Andy outlined how Phil Lopez, our Marine Bureau's Maintenance Supervisor, had instituted a computerized system which tracks work orders

by number. I expect that many of you read Andy's article with a certain amount of skepticism. Sure, Maintenance is going to respond to our requests. Right after Global Warming turns into the Ice Age.

Well, if you remember back to late February and early March, it was getting quite brisk at ABM in the mornings. Like 42 and 43 degrees. Not as bad as Lancaster at the same time where they recorded a minus nine (-9) degrees one morning. Now that's what I call brisk. So guess what went out in the A28 shower building? Right, the heater. What a great opportunity to test out Phil's system.

Denise Beck at the office of Phil Lopez took the call. Denise is a perfectly charming and responsive person. She took down all the information, gave me the tracking number, and said maintenance would be on it ASAP. Next morning came – still a meat locker at A28. Another call to Denise. Checking her log via the tracking number that she had previously gave me, she said the crew was scheduled to be out that afternoon. Next morning – bliss. Warm as toast. The system worked and worked very well. Another step forward in service for us boatowners.



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Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Long Beach Yacht Club, 6201 Appian Way at 7:00 PM. All members welcome.

A VIEW FROM THE BACK DECK....

By: **CJ Strowbridge**

Well, the view from the back deck has changed, for the better I think. Although I am not basking in the sight of the Queen and the downtown skyline, the peace of ABM is a welcome exchange. Also, the lack of black soot all over the boat is a nice plus. It is much quieter here. Lends to hours spend just daydreaming on the back deck. Hours spent thinking about refinishing the sun baked wood trim and how to find out if any of those pesky mussels are the culprits in my clogged engine water intake. Maybe just sitting here in the slip relaxing is the best course of action... at least for the moment.

It's Sunday and the harbor parking lot is a buzz with shoppers at the Farmers Market. If I were a live aboard I would love the fact that I could go up there and get all my groceries for the week and support the local economy at the same time. I see now that we have the arts/crafts vendors participating also. Kind of fun but good thing it is only for a few hours one day a week.

Well, I guess I'll mosey on up to the market and say hi along the way to the orphan puppies and kittens. The fact that I am already at the legal city limit for orphans is the only thing that keeps me from taking them all home. Those folks are doing a good thing.

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And then it's back to back deck and more pondering. I am grateful as always, to have this back deck in this gorgeous place to ponder upon. Don't forget to make time to enjoy yours!

What's With the Seaport Marina Project?

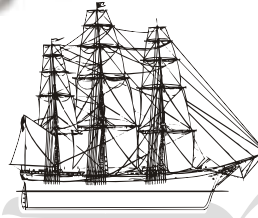
By: Carl Kirnbauer

The SeaPort Marina Project is a development proposed by Lennar Corporation on the 11 acre site currently occupied by the SeaPort Marina Hotel on the southeast corner of the Second and Pacific Coast Highway intersection. The proposed Project consists of 425 residential condos and a 70 foot high, 170,000 sq/ft high-end retail, restaurant and office complex. Two levels of below grade parking for 1700 cars will be provided.

The traffic fall-out from this Project, if permitted to be built, will directly adversely affect boat owners at both ABM and Shoreline. The intersection at Second and PCH is currently at near gridlock during morning and afternoon "rush" hours. It is expected that 10,000 to 12,000 more car trips per day would be generated by the Project at the intersection. Any Shoreline boat owner coming in from the north or from Orange, San Bernardino, or Riverside county who uses the intersection on the way to Shoreline already knows what it's like on a busy week-

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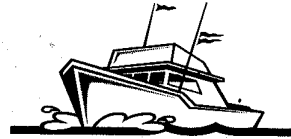
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end. Studies have indicated that the traffic generated by the Project would adversely effect at least 11 other major intersections in the area to include the intersection at Seventh and PCH. For those Shoreline people currently using Seventh Street to Alamitos and then left to Shoreline would find using Seventh a very difficult proposition if the Project is allowed to be built. Alternatively, the extremely heavy truck traffic on the 710 Long Beach Freeway already makes that approach difficult and nearly impossible when there is an event at Shoreline such as the Gran Prix.

ABM boat owners in Basin 3 already cope with the Farmer's Market every Sunday. The vendor's stalls are located in the ABM parking lot and the customers also park in the ABM parking lot. Recently, an Arts and Crafts Fair has been started in the same ABM parking lot but down at the Marina Shipyard end of the lot. Although these events provide a certain amount of favorable ambience to the Marina, some boat owners are already grumbling about the occasionally heavy traffic.

Although the impact on traffic is a major boat owner issue, a more subtle issue is that of parking. First, Lennar proposes to go two levels of parking below grade. The Marina Pacifica condos, across Second Street from the Marina Shipyard, have below grade parking that is only one half grade down. It appears that, because of the water table, Marina Pacifica has had flooding problems every year for the last 30 years. Lennar is aware of the high water table issue and plans to spend \$45,000 per parking space to prevent the annual flooding. Good luck. If even one level floods, where will the people park? How about the ABM parking lot for openers?

Lennar proposes 1700 parking spaces to service both the condos and the retail portions of the Project. There are 425 condos in the plan. Assuming two parking spaces per condo means that 850 parking spaces will be dedicated for the condos. Even assuming that guests visiting the condos will be expected to park in the retail area, that means only 850 spaces for the 17,000 sq ft of retail/restaurant project. Yes, that is far less than the Building Code requirement and would require that Lennar get a variance. In any event, does anyone want to guess where the patrons will park if the Lennar parking

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area is full or flooded?

It should be noted that the site is zoned for a hotel (which is there now) and not a retail or residential development. Long Beach would have to give Lennar a Planned Development Amendment. Got some problems with that because the site is under the jurisdiction of the Coastal Commission (SEADIP). SEADIP states that the complex must be no more than 30 feet in height (the Project is 70 ft), there must be a minimum of 30% open space (Lennar has 20%) and a minimum setback from Second Street of 20 feet (Lennar has 5 feet) and must be designed and constructed to be in harmony with the character and quality of surrounding developments. The surrounding area is all low-rise with much open space.

BOA stands in opposition to the Project. BOA Board members were at the March 15, 2007 Planning Commission meeting and spoke in opposition to the Project on the grounds of the adverse traffic and parking issues. BOA is supporting Community groups in the area who are also in opposition. The Planning commission voted 3 to 2 to approve the Plan and sent it forward to the full City Council. We will have another chance later at the public hearing to make our

feelings known. We will try to keep you informed as to the exact date.

For additional information, The Log has been covering the Lennar project extensively and effectively. Take a look at the Mar 23 -Apr 5 2007 issue on page A.15.

Please send us your comments - in favor or in opposition. We welcome, need and value your input.

Shore Power Safety

By: Andy Sienkiewich
President

Boaters at Shoreline Marina will soon celebrate completion of their dock rebuild. As with any large construction project, a series of follow-up actions will occur. One such action will be the Marine Bureau adding 30-amp breakers for shore power at some slips where only 50-amp breakers were installed.

The shore power supply for many of the larger new slips provides only a 50-amp service; that is a 50-amp circuit breaker matched with a receptacle that accepts only a 50-amp plug. A mismatch comes into

play because most boats have a 30-amp receptacle and circuit breaker for their incoming power supply. For safety reasons a 30-amp marine power cord is designed to connect to only matching 30-receptacles/plugs on both ends. That cord will not plug into a 50-amp receptacle unless an adapter is used. Many boaters in Shoreline now use these pigtail adapters to connect to their 50-amp shore supply.

The problems here are that the 30-amp rated cord and up to ten feet of wire on your boat are reliant on a 50-amp breaker for protection from shorts. The solution is simple, for about \$200 parts and labor the Marine Bureau can install a second 30-amp power supply and breaker to your shore supply. We understand that it plans to do just that after the marina rebuild contract concludes. Boat owners using an adapter, should call the Marine Bureau to determine when their shore power will be retrofitted.

Here is what Underwriters Laboratories said in an August 2005 bulletin: "Question: A marina in my jurisdiction sells power adapters that go from a 50-ampere receptacle to a 30 ampere plug to fit yachts. Are these UL listed? Answer: No, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. does not List these types of adapters because the line and load fittings have different current ratings. While these adapters may be commonly used, they provide a method to connect a 50-ampere configuration to a 30-ampere configuration that permits the assembly to be overloaded, creating a potential fire hazard."

Whatever your set up, please ensure that you use only a marine-rated power cord; do not let it drape into the water; and replace it immediately if the insulation shows signs of cracking. Be conservative: safety is at stake of your gangway neighbors, divers cleaning nearby hulls and your own boat.

I spoke to a number of people about the breaker question and received mixed responses. Some say the existing 50-amp configuration doesn't comply with building codes and needs an immediate fix; some indicate that it is the boater's responsibility to connect safely; and some say there is no problem at all because the boat's incoming breaker will address all issues. Best I can tell, the 50/30 mismatch increases risk like driving a car without a seatbelt, which is not utilized unless something goes wrong.

Get the work order number

Last issue, we informed boat owners to call (562) 570-1582 to request marina repairs and to ask for a work order number before concluding the call. Since then, we have learned that some boat owners were not offered a work order number until they requested it. Without that number you have little recourse in assessing the status of your request and it very well may become lost. Please ask for and write down the work order number for any of your dock repairs requests.

Dana Point Rebuild Planned

By: Andy Sienkiewich
President

Orange County officials and Dana Point City Council submitted

to California Coastal Commission a Dana Point Harbor rebuild plan that would eliminate 1124 shorter slips, favoring 750 new longer slips as is happening at our Long Beach Marinas. The DPH plan calls for a 50% expansion of shopping and restaurants. A new two-story parking structure for shopper and slip-holders would displace the existing launch ramp parking, which will be relocated to the area where boats are stored on trailers. On busy days, trailer boaters may have to disconnect to allow separate tow vehicle parking. A new dry-stack boat storage facility will reduce the existing boatyard, and eliminate the personal watercraft rental, a boat brokerage and the trailer boat storage. When all done there will only be room for 93 boats stored on trailers where there are over 600 today. For more info from the County: <http://www.dphplan.com> and from the Dana Point Boaters Association: <http://www.dpboaters.org> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DanaPointHarborRevitalizationBoaters/>. Of course in Long Beach we are contending with a proposal to replace the Seaport Marina Hotel with high-density shops and condos that forebodes parking problems to our own slip holders.

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I would like to acknowledge and thank my employees
for offering their 401-k funds to assist me in securing the money to purchase the
crane. Although I was able to respectfully decline the kind offer,
I appreciate your
loyalty and dedication and I sincerely thank you.

Don Holland

Who Do You Call in an Emergency?

By: **Sgt. T. Keleher**/ Long Beach Police Department

Marine Patrol Unit

Knowing how to summon aid in an emergency can mean the difference between life and death. The Long Beach Police Department consistently has one of the fastest response times in the entire State. Taking a few steps now can ensure that help is able to get to your emergency quickly and with the appropriate resources.

Many people think that simply dialing 911 from any phone will put them in touch with their local police or fire agency. This is not always the case and with today's developing technology, it is important to know which numbers to call.

If you are calling from a traditional, landline (hardwire) phone and need emergency assistance, simply dial 911. In the City of Long Beach, this will connect you to the Long Beach Police Communications Center, who will be able to appropriately assess your needs.

Calling to report an emergency or request police assistance from any dock phone requires you to dial 9-911. This again will direct your call to Long Beach Police Dispatchers. The Long Beach 911 system has the ability to immediately track the address of a call, except when dialing from a dock phone. 911 calls from dock phones are first routed through the closest Marina Office, and confuse the system; this is why it is critical to tell the dispatcher exactly where the emergency is occurring. The system will dispatch Police Units to either 205 Marina Drive in the East Division or 450 E. Shoreline Drive in the South Division.

Calling 911 from a cell phone will not connect you to your local police agency; it is routed to the California Highway Patrol. CHP Dispatchers who answer your cell phone 911 call will place you on hold, call your local agency and then transfer the call. This is a complicated process that can take several minutes and sometimes the call is accidentally disconnected. If you need police assistance and are calling from a cell phone,

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The Long Beach Police Department prides itself on providing exceptional service to all citizens and visitors to the City of Long Beach. Knowing the correct number to call, and where you are at will save precious minutes when time is of the essence.

Any and all requests for assistance from the Long Beach Police Department should be handled through the LBPD Communications Center by any one of the above listed numbers.

Your safety is our goal.

Letters to the Editor:

We encourage your participation by writing us and sharing your concerns as a boat owner in Long Beach. This is the best place in the world for boating yet we still have local issues that effect pleasure boating. Write letters to the editor and share your thoughts on OUR Marina. Are you getting your money's worth? Let us know what's on your mind. By email you can write gangway@lbmboa.org



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