



Coyote Point Marina

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More Musings

As I stand at the door of our office and look to the east, I can barely see the towers of the San Mateo Bridge through the smoky haze that now envelops us most days. Our staff now wears masks not just for protection against COVID-19, but also to protect us from the harmful smoke particles. The fires have affected us so deeply, from closures of all San Mateo County Parks, to changes in travel plans to avoid smoky areas, and to friends and loved ones that have lost their homes to these tragic infernos. It seems like things just keep stacking up this year. Social, political and economic turmoil piles on top of the pandemic spread of the virus. Add the fires in our area and the hurricanes in the east, and it seems like this year is never going to end. One person said to me that they plan to stay up until midnight new years eve, not to welcome in the new year, but to be sure that this one leaves!

But there are rays of light that keep poking their way through the gloom. Boating activity at Coyote Point is up this summer. There are a lot of new owners bringing boats in to the marina or purchasing boats that are already here. Some of the neglected boats have been cleaned up by their owners, and in general the marina is doing well. We are lucky to be able to stay open in this trying time, and to keep fulfilling our mission of enabling recreational access to San Francisco Bay for the wide variety of interesting, kind, adventurous and colorful people that make up our boating community. I am happy that we can operate safely and continue to provide our full range of services, including the fuel dock, pump station, launch ramp and of course the Harbormaster's office. Our staff has been unfailing in their optimism, energy, and commitment to the marina. Linda Lara, whom so many of you have known for so long, continues to work from home, taking care of all administrative functions. We can now forward the Marina phone to her when she is working from home, and this has helped many of you to re-connect with her.

I continue to be amazed at the unfailingly good spirits our community keeps these days. As I travel the marina parking areas in my little orange Kubota, I stop to talk with tenants every day, and the conversations are about boats and boating, problems with boats, travel aboard boats, and good times, past, present and future that our watercraft enable. I don't hear complaints, I don't hear griping. We are all dealing with this year in our own way, but I truly believe that being at the marina and using our vessels is therapeutic. It provides a distraction and an escape that we all need.

Thanks to all of you. Please stay safe, stay healthy, and keep sane by spending as much time on the water that you can!

- Mark Bettis, Harbormaster

The Little Heron

We are all familiar with the Great Blue Herons that frequent our shores, and we often see Crowned Night Herons nesting in the trees on the center berm. But the smaller and quite elegant Green Heron is less common and has been sighted from time to time in the area of docks 22 to 25. These smaller birds have iridescent green backs, and forage mostly by standing still or stalking very slowly at the edge of shallow water, waiting for prey to approach. They are one of the few bird species that use tools, dropping a feather or small twig on surface of water to lure fish within striking distance.



Full Moon Third Quarter		1-Sep 10-Sep		Tide and Current Tables										New Moon First Quarter		17-Sep 23-Sep	
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Tide corrected to Coyote Point Marina
 Current 2.3 nm NNE of Coyote Point:
 Max Flood (F), Max Ebb (E)

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