

Newsletter



Woodley Island Marina Turns 30!

On July 25, 2011, the Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation & Conservation District (the District) will celebrate the 30th anniversary of Woodley Island Marina (WIM). WIM was one of the original visions of the District to create a modern marina that would provide commercial, recreational and government vessels safe and secure moorage and services in Humboldt



Bay. The construction of WIM was funded through a grant from the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and a loan from the CA Department of Boating and Waterways that totaled more than \$9 million. Through an extensive six-year public process

which was supported by fishermen and other groups such as the citizens for Port Development, the project was dedicated on July 25, 1981. Today, WIM is home to nearly 300 vessels; a work dock with 1-and 2-ton hoists; Café Marina and Woodley's Bar; Ship Shop Ship Chandlery; the Gerald O. Hansen Wildlife Area; Hum-Boats; three charter fishing boats as well as offices for the District, US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Coast Guard Cutter Barracuda. Due to the integrity of the original design and the ongoing maintenance by

the District's professional staff, WIM will continue to be an important community asset. The vast number of uses Woodley Island has seen over the past 30 years are a credit to the vision of the original Board and the Commissioners and staff that have preserved it. 🇺🇸

Welcome Dan!

Dan Berman was recently hired by the District to fill the Director position for the District's Conservation Division. This position oversees all of the District's conservation programs, permitting and biological research programs. Dan brings an excellent skill set to the District as he was previously the Director of the Morro Bay National Estuary program. If you have the opportunity, please come by the District's office on Woodley Island and welcome Dan. Dan starts July 11. 🇺🇸

Bar Cam "Live"

www.weather.gov/eureka/marine


After many years of dedicated work, the District, Eureka's Weather Service office and the US Coast Guard are pleased to announce that a camera has been installed that provides real time images of the entrance to Humboldt Bay (Bar). The camera is aimed at the tip of the South Jetty and Buoy 2. Now mariners can check the conditions before heading out. The images are ten seconds apart and are updated every ten minutes. It is important to remember that waves can be bigger than those captured on the Bar Cam, and that waves can suddenly get larger due to changes in tide and the arrival of larger sets of waves. Mariners are reminded that the Bar Cam is just one more piece of information for making navigation decisions and they should not rely on it solely to determine if the harbor entrance is safe to transit. Check for latest Bar conditions by calling the Coast Guard using your marine VHF radio on channel 22A. 🇺🇸






Port Business Highlights

The Harbor portion of Humboldt Bay is showing signs of increased economic activity. Here are some highlights:

- Several of the commercial docks in Humboldt Bay are now well engaged in the export of logs to China and several others are working on infrastructure improvements to join in the trade. The ships that have called on Humboldt Bay for this trade to-date are typically 550-580 feet in length and can take up to 5 million board feet of logs at a time.
- Wood chips continue to be exported by barge from one facility with the possibility of another facility coming on-line soon that will export via ship.
- Several operators continue to explore the lumber export market also.
- The District has been working with the Headwaters Fund Board and local oyster growers to launch a "Mariculture Expansion Project" that would ultimately result in pre-permitted portions of Humboldt Bay that would be available for expansion of the oyster industry in Humboldt Bay. That project should start in August.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers just completed their annual "street sweeping" of Humboldt Bay's federally-authorized navigation channels. There are 9.9 miles of these channels in Humboldt Bay. This year the Corps focused their maintenance dredging efforts on the Bay's Bar and Entrance Channels. 

Shelter Cove Breakwater Completed

After 11 years of planning and permitting and two-weeks of actual construction, the District's Shelter Cove Breakwater Rehabilitation Project has been completed and signed off by the California Department of Boating and Waterways. The \$734,578 project was requested by the residents of Shelter Cove as the original breakwater had deteriorated to the point that it no longer provided the protection necessary for the State's only open ocean boat launching ramp. The Consulting firm of **Winzler and Kelly** completed the environmental documentation for the project with the firm of **Moffatt and Nichol** providing design and construction management services. **Granite Construction** was the successful bidder. In addition, the ramp had some


minor repairs and the access road to the ramp was repaved and a guard rail added. The District is very thankful for the support from the Staff and Directors from the Shelter Cove Resort Improvement District No. 1 throughout the 11 year project. Comments received by the District indicate that boaters and surfers are extremely satisfied with the project. 



Sea Scout Ship 101 "Yankee" Re-Launch Event



The District is the sponsoring organization for the local Sea Scout "Ship" Ship 101 "Yankee" (a Ship in Sea Scouts is like a Troop in Boy Scouts). The Ship's Committee is working to reinvigorate the Ship so that it is a premier Scouting organization providing maritime skills, aquatic adventures and most of all, fun! If you would like to help the Sea Scout Ship 101 Yankee to meet this goal, or know someone that does, please join us for oysters and information about the adventures of Sea Scouting and offer your ideas, experiences and talents to ensure a successful re-launching of our Sea Scout Ship 101 "Yankee"!

The re-launch event will be held on July 14, 2011 from 5:30-7:30 at the Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum next to the Samoa Cookhouse. For more information, call 707 267-8272. 

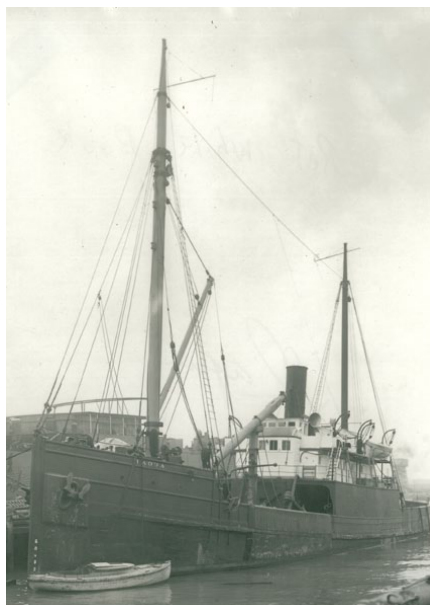


Humboldt Bay Harbor Commission Commemorates 100th Anniversary of the Port of Long Beach

Why?...Humboldt Bay Played a Key Role.

The Board of Commissioners of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (District) recently approved Resolution 2011-07 Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Port of Long Beach, CA. The reason that this is notable to the District is that not only was the first ship to call on Long Beach on June 24, 1911 built in Humboldt Bay (the SS Iaqua, right), it was also carrying a load of redwood lumber loaded in Humboldt Bay (Samoa). As you know, Humboldt Bay was one of the most active seaports on the West Coast in 1911 with roots back some 60 years earlier. This inaugural short sea shipping effort in 1911 puts Humboldt Bay as a notable part of the history of the Port of Long Beach and is worthy of celebrating this milestone with one of the 11 deepwater seaports in California's maritime transportation system.

Dick Steinke, Executive Director of the Port of Long Beach presented the framed Resolution to the Long Beach Port Commissioners on June 13, 2011 where he stated they were all very appreciative of the recognition. 🇺🇸



Summer at Woodley Island

As salmon season looks like it is off to a good start and the weather warms, Woodley Island can be the place to be.

- If you are a tenant of the marina, please be sure and return your emergency contact forms as soon as possible. It is amazing how many phone numbers, email addresses and emergency contact information have changed. Also, please remember to move your vehicles out of A-lot prior to the Fourth of July.
- If you are not a tenant, but would like to put your boat in for a short period of time, please contact the District's Dockmaster, Suzie Howser, as soon as possible as summer slips are filling up fast.
- If you plan to come to Woodley Island to watch the fireworks on the Fourth of July, please remember to arrive well before the 10PM start time as the island can fill up and will be closed if it does. Also, please remember that fireworks and dogs are not allowed on Woodley Island. These simple rules make Woodley Island one of the best spots on Humboldt Bay to watch the fireworks show. 🇺🇸

It's That Time Again ...

The District has just kicked off its Five-year Strategic Planning effort to cover the 2012-2016 time period. The Board of Commissioners recently retained the firm of Gelinias*James to oversee and facilitate this planning process. The Strategic Plan is a tool that the District uses to prioritize activities and develop a vision and emphasis for the organization over the next five years. The planning process will be ongoing until November 2011.

Tentatively, the Strategic Plan meetings will be held the 2ND and 4TH Thursdays of the month from 5-7 PM at the District's Meeting Room on Woodley Island. For more meeting information, please contact *the District* at 707 443-0801. 🇺🇸



District's Leadership on the Marine Highway Continues

In 2010, the US Department of Transportation designated the "M-5" Marine Highway Corridor off the West Coast of the United States in response to efforts by the District, the West Coast Corridor Coalition (WCCC) and Congressman Mike Thompson. As a result, the US Maritime Administration (MARAD) funded a \$275,000 grant to conduct a West Coast Marine Highway Market Analysis. The District sits on the "Management Committee" overseeing this study and the consultant team, TEC.

The District has been involved in the planning for a coastal freight service since 2002. This service is intended to be an alternative to shippers using trucks to move freight on North/South routes and has the potential to dramatically reduce traffic congestion and air pollution. The District continues to collaborate with the local firm Humboldt Maritime Logistics, LLC, the WCCC and MARAD to generate information and funding to get this service started. 🇺🇸

Spartina densiflora Eradication Project Continues

Spartina densiflora (Spartina) is a noxious invasive weed that has infested salt marsh habitats of Humboldt Bay. This species alters the food web, changes invertebrate communities and displaces native plants including rare species. The District is working cooperatively with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge to eradicate this invasive species from Humboldt Bay. The District has a grant funded crew consisting of a Project Manager and four crew members as well as contracts with CDF and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Work Alternative program to target and manually eradicate the invasive Spartina. It is grueling, tough and dirty work so if you are driving and see a crew working in the salt marshes that fringe Humboldt Bay, give them a wave in support of this important project! 🇺🇸

Nuts and Bolts from the Maintenance Department

Summer is always the busy season for the District's Maintenance Department covering all of the District's facilities, vehicles, vessels and wildlife areas. Of special note this summer, the

Maintenance Department is in the process of replacing the lighting at Woodley Island Marina, its offices and out-buildings with low energy power saving lights. The District also recently replaced the gas furnace and temperature controllers in the offices with energy efficient components. These changes alone are expected to save the District approximately \$4,000 annually. In addition, the District's Boat Yard in Fields Landing is in full swing with haul-outs and launches nearly every day. 🇺🇸



Bulletin Marginalia

You may have noticed our end-of-story-marker. In many publications the end mark would be a simple dingbat, hederia or typographic fleuron. This being a harbor publication, it seemed appropriate to cue readers with the "K" (kilo) ensign meaning "wish to communicate." 🇺🇸

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