

# Newsletter

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## ***Did You Know?***

***We do prop changes in the water as well as mechanical repairs!***

***We have a topside crew that does normal washdowns, detailing, painting and varnish!***

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## ***From the helm . . . Paul Skipper***



Summer is well underway and it's probably not an accident that *National Lazy Day, Relaxation Day, Deadwood Day* and *Failures Day* are all commemorated in August. "Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability" (Sam Keen). The bigger the summer vacation, the harder the fall.

The current economy has turned into a buyers market especially for boats. These may be the lowest prices that we will see in our lifetime. Who cares? Many of us are short on cash and credit and we fear selling our current boat at a loss or feel that this is just not the right time to make a large purchase. Fair enough, but consider a different way of looking at current economics; lopsided markets often can create opportunities.

Cruisers might upgrade the dinghy or an outboard engine for less money. Do-it-yourselfers may find parts cheaper on e-bay and restoration buffs may get a project boat at a fraction of the normal cost.

Marina del Rey has survived many financial crunches in the past 47 years some of which included interest rates at 20% , luxury taxes on new boats, lack of slip availability and now an abundance of slip vacancies. The boat dealers and manufacturers have come and gone with others appearing but regardless, summer always returns and so does the beauty of this terrific boating community.

## ***Marina Fuel Prices: per gallon Los Angeles***

June 2008 Diesel \$6.25 Gasoline \$6.25  
(Stats from Sea Magazine August 2008)

July 2009 Diesel \$2.99 Gasoline \$3.77-4.22  
(Marina del Rey Fuel Dock July 09)

**THE WAY WE WERE . . . Below is a peak back at early Marina days**

**Restaurants**

*Fisherman's Village*

**Then**  
 Pieces of Eight  
 Wildflower Pizza  
 Fish Market  
 Orange Julius  
 El Torito

**Now**  
 Shanghai Reds  
 Sapori Italian  
 Anglers Choice  
 Thai Garden  
 El Torito

*Washington Street*

Crab Shell  
 Hank Vendettis  
 Black Whale  
 Medieval Theme

12 Washington  
 Beachwood  
 C & O Cucina  
 Islands

*Admiralty Way*

Mr. D's Coffee Shop & Bar  
 Boy's Market Deli  
 Warehouse  
 Fiasco  
 Charlie Browns  
 Lobster House/ Reubens/ Harbor House  
 Captain Bligh's/ Eddie's Diner  
 Casa Escobar  
 Jamaica Bay Inn  
 Second Story/The Basement/ Red Onion/ Hardtime Charlies  
 China Sails (glass building)

California Pizza Kitchen  
 Ralphs  
 Warehouse  
 Café del Rey  
 Tony P's Dockside Grill  
 The Organica Panificio  
 Closed  
 Closed  
 Closed for renovations  
 Fantasy Charters & Special Events  
 Ritz Carlton

*Via Marina*

Chuck's Steak House

Cheesecake Factory

*Panay Way*

Randy Tar/ Benihana's

Chart House

*Marquesas Way*

Donkins, Tommy Lasorda's  
 Clems, Pier View,  
 Captains Wharf

Closed  
 Closed  
 Esprit Marina



*Bali Way*

Don the Beachcomber

Closed

*Mindanao*

Cyranos/ Moose's  
 Gullivers

Closed  
 Jerry's Deli

**Night Clubs**

Jockey Club - Washington Square  
 Big Daddy's, Kinkos -Lincoln Blvd.

Office Building  
 Closed

**Marine Chandlery**

American Marine  
 Chris Craft Aggie Cal  
 Ship's Store  
 Noya Marine - Lincoln Blvd.  
 Marina Boat Works  
 Marine Trader and Charlie's Locker

Windward Yacht Center  
 The Boat Yard  
 Ship's Store  
 Do-it-yourself car wash  
 Do-it-yourself car wash  
 Closed

**Boat Dealers**

Anchorage Yachts - Bill Grant, Bob Koepple • Bob Seldon  
 Del Amo Uniflite - Tomas Del Amo • Elliott Yachts - Ted Elliott • George Antar  
 Hobie Boat Sales - Steve Curran • John Kruger Hanson • MacGregor Yachts - Jim Segal  
 Mariners Marina - Ted Turner • Overseas Yachts • Pacific Yacht Sales  
 Peggy Slater Yachts - Kettenberg Boats • Warner Yachts • Western Aero Marine - Ed Janoff  
 . . . Bob Koepple and Steve Curran are still selling boats.

*The above Marina history as we believe it to be true!*

**FOR  
 SALE**

- 30' Chris Craft S/F
- 1977 Twin Mercruisers
- 300 HP Dive & Fish Ready

- All Electronics
- Ken 310.399.6747
- \$39,500