

WHOO NEWS

JULY 2023



Happy 4th of July Celebration

There is one thing constant about change; and that's change itself. Some love it, some are ok with it, and the majority don't really care for it. But as we all have learned over the last few years, it surely seems to be the constant, change – plus being boat owners, we should all be verse to things not quite panning out the way we planned and changing course. So, with that said, July looks like our summer will begin, the Delta heat is coming, and we will let the fun begin.

We are very excited to share a new video that our friend, Tyson Leeper (who just happens to keep his m/v Sticky Funk with us here), made and produced this video of our wonderful place. So, if you are a current tenant or guest, you know what this place is. If it's been a bit since you have been here, let us give you a gentle and welcoming reminder. If you have never been here and would like to, this will provide you with a feeling of magic and wonder that you will never tire of while adding to your life the feeling of peace, tranquility, and awe. I have been here 14 years, and this brought a feeling to me I could never explain in words. So, enjoy and share it with your friends as they ask you, where do you keep your boat. You can show them and share all that is Owl Harbor. Check it out here on our YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/MYjZJiZlJA>

We are so looking forward to the changes that come this year, we are glad that you are a part of them,

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5 WAYS TO BE SEEN & HEARD WHEN YOU REALLY NEED HELP

*VHF Radio

*Emergency Beacon

*Sound-Producing Device

Installed Horn

Handheld Air Horn

Whistle

*Visual Distress Signal

Pyrotechnic Flares

Battery operated SOS Light Beacon

Flares & Coast Guard approved Distress Lights

*Distress Flag

JULY 4th



August 5th

Owl Harbor Marina
August 5th
Tenant Party and Dinghy Poker Run



September 4th

**HAPPY
LABOR
DAY**



Elena & Isolda seriously shopping.



Full House and great things!



Very excited Trio – not sure over what, but having fun doing it.



Hope it's a while before I need these foulies!!

Successful Swap Meet

This was our 14th Annual Nautical Swap Meet, and I will say, it did not disappoint. We had a full house of vendors selling their goods, hot coffee, fresh squeezed lemonade from our trees, hot dogs from Adam, and Javier's world-famous Mexican Street corn. There was something for everyone; and even a few items you didn't know you needed.

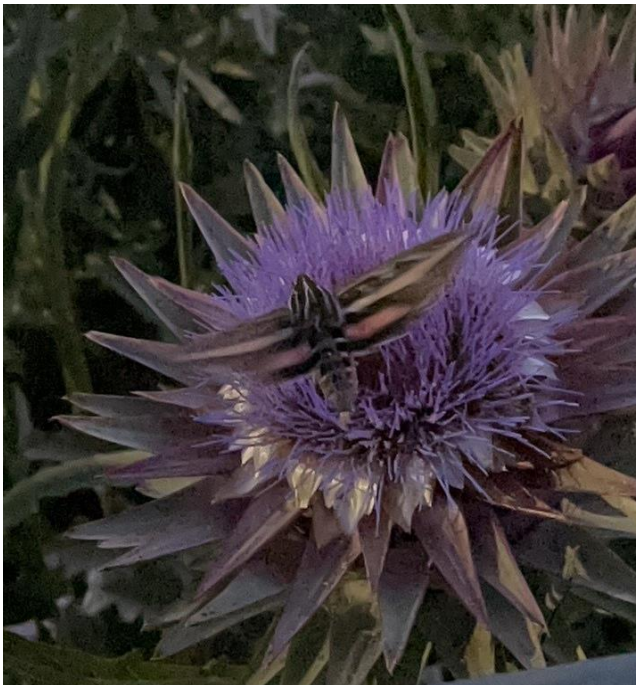
People ask if there were more customers, and if you aren't familiar how this works; it's about camaraderie, friendships, laughter, and buying and selling to each other. If you want to make a living, sell it online; if you want a fun and fulfilled life, come to the swap meet.

It's the best, can't wait till next year.

"The sail, the play of its pulse so like our own lives:

so thin and yet so full of life, so noiseless when it labors hardest, so noisy and impatient when least effective."

- Henry David Thoreau



Thank you, Wendy, for showing me something I have never seen – a Hummingbird Moth!

Shore Cords – Which end do you unplug first?

Boats, both power and sail, that have 110V need shore cords to plug into marina power at the dock. Shore cords are designed for marine use where water and hydro are in such proximity. Domestic extension cords are not approved for marine use and could be very dangerous.

Easy right? Plug in both ends and you are good to go – not so fast.

Always plug in the dead end first – unplug the live end last.

PLUGGING IN: Always plug in the dead end first. When arriving at the dock, plug in the boat end first, then the dock end. If you do it the other way around, you could be electrocuted if you accidentally drop the live Shore Cord in the water or grab the end of the cord with wet hands.

UNPLUGGING: Think of your shore cord as a water hose. The only way to turn off the water flow is at the dock end first. You wouldn't disconnect the water hose from the boat first, because the water would continue to flow.

BOTTOM LINE: NEVER LEAVE A LIVE SHORE CORD ON THE DOCK

It's not good either to rely on turning off the dock breaker – the dock breaker **should only be used** if you have popped the breaker from your boat.

California Governor Newsom's 2024 Budget Proposes 300% Boat Registration Fee Increase

***Boaters currently pay \$107 million in annual motor fuel taxes;
revenue increase won't fund recreational boating needs***

SACRAMENTO, Calif., June 27, 2023 – The nation's largest recreational boat owners advocacy, services and safety group Boat Owners Association of The United States ([BoatUS](#)), and the nonprofit state advocacy organization Recreational Boaters of California ([RBOC](#)), are asking Golden State boat owners to speak up on a recently proposed 300% boat registration fee increase outlined in Governor Newsom's 2024 budget.

"Most citizens can understand, over time, the need for modest increases in government fee structures," said David Kennedy, BoatUS manager of Government Relations. "However, BoatUS and RBOC do not believe such a significant increase is justified by the administration. We are asking the state's boat owners to reach out to their state legislators to request they reject this proposal and engage with boating stakeholders to develop realistic boat registration fees that are dedicated to boating programs."

The two groups along with other recreational boating stakeholders have been engaged in a two-year process to review the state's boating programs. While a modest increase was anticipated, there was some expectation that the state would recognize the significant contribution boaters already make, such as \$107 million in annual motor fuel taxes.

The organizations are also concerned that under the proposal, the fee increase would not go to boating programs and services including boater education and operator certification, safety and enforcement on the waterways.

According to the National Marine Manufacturers Association, the average California boat owner has an income of less than \$70,000.

Boaters can easily contact their state representatives at the BoatUS online [Action Center \(votervoice.net\)](#) using a prefilled form or by adding their own views. Read more about this issue at the [RBOC call-to-action website](#).

This was put out by BoatUS News and more information is available at the sites listed for more details. This affects all boaters, and we have a choice to have our voices heard in making a difference.

*Oh, Captain Jack
Sparrow*



**Now I see what he does after work, during work, or just
any time. Lap for hire – yes please! Colin and Mark,
perfect targets.**

Bring your Multi-Hull boat to a Slip



Now Available

Owl Harbor Marina

August 5th

Tenant Party and Dinghy Poker Run



Welcome to the WHOO HOP!

Join us for Owl Harbor's Annual Tenant Party and Event

10:30 am Dinghy Poker Run

Bring your dinghy, paddle board, kayak, jet ski, swim, or snorkel to A dock to start the run picking up your cards.
Meet back on the deck to see who has the best hand, and the worst hand, for winning cash.

5:30 pm Get Loadid with Dinner and Drinks on Us

6:30 pm Dancing to tunes from the 50's and 60's

Dress in your favorite outfits from the times: poodle skirts, jeans, and t-shirts, pony tails, and pamae

Please RSVP to the Office - 916.777.6055 or info@owlharbor.com

by July 21st