



BOATING ADVISORY

Preparing Your Vessel for the Winter Season and the Potential Effects of El Niño

The Winter Season is approaching and soon we will be experiencing it's effects here in the Harbor.

Remember, it is easier to ready your vessel before the wet and stormy weather hits.

Some preparations to consider include:

- Clear your vessel's scuppers;
- Check all lines, and secure halyards;
- Securely fasten covers;
- Check automatic bilge pumps;
- Inspect and consider closing through-hull valves not related to your bilge pump systems, as related hose failures that occur can allow significant amounts of seawater into your vessel;
- Sailboat owners should secure mainsails and main covers and for those with roller-furling headsails, please secure them so that they will remain undamaged during high-wind events;
- Batten down all hatches.

When a storm does occur, Marina staff will be diligent in monitoring vessels to the best of their ability, and will provide assistance as they are able to, but with over 2,000 vessels in the water they cannot be on all of the docks at all times. Please be sure to provide any contact information updates to your marina office.

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