

## **Coyote Point Marina**

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## **Something Fishy**

I had the pleasure of spending a morning fishing for halibut recently in the shallow waters north of Coyote Point. We set out on a Saturday morning with a moderate northwesterly breeze, which made for good drift fishing. After about a half hour with no action at all we started catching fish. We brought up a few halibut and released all of them because they were not quite 18 inches long, the legal minimum. Nevertheless, it was a great day on the water! There have been a few legal halibut coming in lately, but most fishermen report a 5 to one ratio of undersized to legal fish. Hopefully as the season progresses there will be larger fish moving in. There has been a fair amount of sturgeon fishing outside of our harbor but not much catching. I hear that in the far south bay there have been some caught, and that the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers are having a banner year for these lumbering bottom dwellers. Anglers who want lots of action can always catch various sharks and bat rays in our waters. They say the worst day fishing is better that the best day working. I might agree, except that my job is so enjoyable that the old adage just doesn't quite fit. Stop by the office any time for a fishing report or to purchase some bait!

- Mark Bettis, Harbormaster

## Housekeeping

Tenants, we need to go over a few marina regulations and the reasons that we enforce them. We love our community here, and for the most part our tenants are respectful of the rules. We appreciate it! Recently there have been a few issues rising to the surface, so, in the interest of providing the best environment possible, here are a few reminders.

It can be a real problem for us in an emergency if there are boats, boxes, kayaks, surf boards, lumber etc. on the dock fingers. If we need to get to the end of a finger to assist a vessel that is adrift, grounded, or otherwise in distress it makes it far more difficult and at times dangerous if we must climb over items to get to the end of the finger. Please keep those fingers clear so that we

can move freely around the marina – it might be your boat we have to assist one day!

The Parks Department has recently begun to allow onleash dogs in most parts of Coyote Point Recreation Area. This is a real boost to dog owners, and in general the Park's staff enjoys having our furry friends around. But if we must handle complaints from park visitors about off-leash dogs it takes the fun out of it, and enough complaints could result in a return to restriction on dogs at Coyote Point. Please leash your dog at all times when not aboard your vessel.

We have had some issues with foreign objects in the toilets and even had some clothing items get sucked up in the pump-out station (don't ask — we don't get it either). Please treat our fragile marina plumbing with respect, and don't put anything in the toilets other than toilet paper and you know what.

Lastly, we have had complaints form marina tenants about entering the restrooms and finding people inside who are not wearing masks. It's a requirement at Coyote Point to comply with CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19, and we must insist that if you are using the facilities at Coyote Point that you respect these guidelines. Hopefully this isn't going to last too much longer!

## **Dredging update**

We are working with our consultant and San Mateo County Public Works to finalize a schedule. As of now it looks like we will have to wait until 2022, due to the long lead times required for permitting and approval of plans. We would like to start with dock 25 in April or May 2022, and then continue with docks 26 through 28 and the approach channel and turning basin. We will provide updates as the plans firm up.





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