



A Season of Gratitude at Oceanside Harbor

By Kimberly Troutman

These months of holiday celebrations are a good time to consider having a season of gratitude, especially when it comes to being thankful for our wonderful Oceanside Harbor. Gratitude is generally defined as an attitude which allows us to perceive and appreciate the positive and meaningful aspects of life. There are so many unique characteristics that set our harbor apart to be grateful for!



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A still morning in the harbor. Photo courtesy of Adam Johnson from G-Dock. We are grateful to use your photo.

Gratitude plays a role in making us or others feel valued in our lives which boosts self-esteem and self-value. Think about what an amazing community we have at Oceanside Harbor! From the “clap circle,” or saying a simple “Hello” to a passing person to chatting with dock mates should make us all feel fortunate to have such a friendly harbor.

Practicing gratitude also helps reconnect with our childhood wonder and awe of nature. Our beautiful harbor is blessed with abundant sea life including large marine mammals right outside the harbor entrance and lovely sunrises and sunsets. The small size of our harbor allows us to easily access and enjoy the Pacific Ocean in just a few minutes, which is a huge asset that few other harbors can offer.

One thing we should be very thankful for is the honor of sharing the harbor with the Marines. Do you know that the land that the harbor sits on is Federally owned? Because the harbor is on Federally owned land leased to the Oceanside Small Craft Harbor District means that we are better protected from private companies taking over the harbor. The **(Continued on page 2)**

The Dredge Schedule Could Change

By Tammy Taunt

At the end of the October HBAC meeting, it was revealed that the City and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are considering moving the dredge cycle from spring to fall. This is the first time many people have heard this news. I decided to have a conversation with Jayme Timberlake, Coastal Zone Administrator, for the City of Oceanside.

In case you are not familiar with the dredging of the harbor, every year the USACE pays for the dredging of the harbor entrance because the shoaling is sometimes so bad that the entrance is unsafe to navigate. This is a huge bonus to Oceanside as it does save the City and harbor at least \$10 million annually.

The USACE are completely responsible for keeping the Oceanside Harbor and Del Mar basin entrance open and safe for navigation. No other agency is responsible for this. What this means is that if conditions are dangerous, dredging can happen more than once a year. At the moment, shoaling is happening at the harbor entrance and it is very shallow in some parts. Please keep this in mind when transiting the harbor entrance. A report has been made to USACE that the entrance is becoming unsafe.

According to Timberlake, it is the USACE that are considering moving the

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Photo of the Issue



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September 30, 2025- SV “Higher Power” getting through the harbor entrance in high seas. Photo taken by J-Dock slip renter Jeff Nering right at the mouth of our harbor. Good news! It was a successful exit.

From the Helm...A Note from Joe



As the holiday season approaches, I wanted to share two quick updates for our harbor community — one to help you celebrate, and one to help you stay informed.

The Oceanside Harbor Parade of Lights, hosted by the Oceanside Yacht Club, will take place on Saturday, December 13, 2025, beginning at 7 p.m. This annual tradition is one of the highlights of the season, bringing together boaters and visitors alike for a festive evening on the water. Slip renters are encouraged to join the fun — whether by decorating your vessel and participating in the parade, or simply enjoying the view from your slip, the docks, or along the seawall. If you do plan to decorate, please ensure lights and décor are safely secured and that power connections are in good condition. Spectators are encouraged to arrive early, as parking fills quickly and the harbor tends to get busy. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the holidays, connect with fellow boaters, and enjoy the glow of our harbor community at its best.

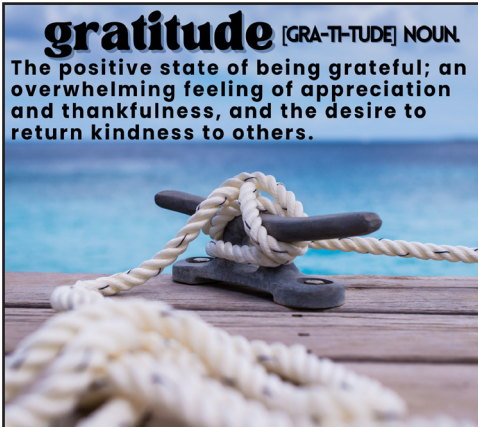
The second item is a practical reminder about who to call after hours. While harbor staff are available during regular business hours, we know that questions or issues can arise at any time. For emergencies — situations involving immediate threats to life, safety, or property — always dial 9-1-1. For non-emergency matters such as suspicious activity, moderate or major water leaks, noise concerns, or other incidents that require police response but are not urgent, contact the Oceanside Police Department's non-emergency line at (760) 435-4900. For Harbor or City-related issues like lights out, minor water leaks, graffiti, signage damage, or general maintenance concerns, the Oceanside Customer Care line at (760) 435-4500 is the best point of contact. Calls to Customer Care are logged and routed to the appropriate department for follow-up the next business day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership in keeping Oceanside Harbor safe and welcoming. Without your effort, the Jewel of the North would not shine so brightly!

Joe Ravitch
Oceanside Harbor Manager

A Season of Gratitude at Oceanside Harbor (con'd)

By Kimberly Troutman (Continued from page 1)



gratitude [GRA-TI-TUDE] NOUN.

The positive state of being grateful; an overwhelming feeling of appreciation and thankfulness, and the desire to return kindness to others.

harbor gives us so many things to be grateful for like friends and neighbors, a beautiful place full of sea life and the Pacific Ocean at our doorstep. A refreshed village where we can dine and pick up a gift for a friend. Let's not take these for granted and truly appreciate how fortunate we are to share in Oceanside Harbor this holiday season and beyond.

*** Editor's Note:** A huge thank you to Kimberly Troutman for sharing this holiday inspired story. *The Crews News* accepts stories and would **love** to print creative work from the Oceanside Harbor community and its visitors. **Send your story to:** oceansidecrewsnews@gmail.com. Thank you!

HBAC Report

The August HBAC meeting revealed that there will be charges for water and power to slip renters. Attend the November 17th HBAC meeting to voice your opinion on this matter. Currently, a slip renter is trying to get this item added to the agenda.

The October meeting revealed a reversal in decisions regarding the R & S dock replacements. First, after reviewing the workplan and at the same time losing 3 harbor maintenance staff that were knowledgeable in dock replacements, it may be a better financial decision to pay Bellingham to install the docks.

Secondly, there is a major reversal in the decision to install a wet fire suppression in favor of a dry stack system on R & S dock. At the August 2025 HBAC meeting, boaters finally got their wish and were told that not only would the new docks going forward be installed with wet systems, but that J-Dock would also be converted to a wet system only to learn at the October meeting they have changed their mind again. The harbor administration plans on implementing the system that Oceanside Fire suggests. Historically, OFD does not agree with our resident fire expert (who has actual experience with many types of boat fires), HBAC member Les George, and other expert OCSHD boaters. Please watch for the opportunity to voice your opinion regarding this matter.

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dredging schedule. They have been considering this change since 2000. At that time they commissioned a scientific study that gathered data throughout the different seasons. Eventually the study determined that Fall was a better time to dredge the harbor. There are some spring dredging challenges such as having to stop operations during grunion runs and having to be very careful to not disturb the snowy plover nesting season. The deadline that the Coastal Commission set on the dredging permit states that dredging is to be done by Memorial Day, and this deadline has been missed several years due to unforeseen circumstances.

A final decision to move the dredge schedule has not been made. This matter still needs to be brought before City Council. The USACE and Timberlake need to prepare a report and presentation before it can be brought before City Council. The Federal shutdown means USACE is not working. When this matter is brought before City Council it will be opened up for public comments. Timberlake said that USACE wants to work with harbor stakeholders and will take comments into consideration when making the final decision. She also said that it is USACE that will make the final decision and not the City.

When asked, Timberlake said that this change should not impact the summer season for boaters and harbor users. The belief is that shoaling will not be excessive during the warm months. She also said that USACE is willing to change the schedule back to spring if the fall dredging plan is not successful. It will most likely take more than one year to make this determination.



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Manson, the company doing the dredging, working at night in the harbor entrance.

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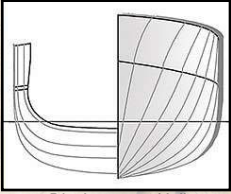
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Nautical Nostalgia: "What the Hull!"

Written By Chris Taunt

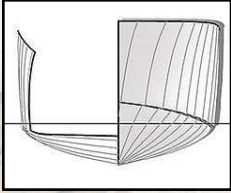
Have you ever wondered why there are so many different hull shapes? If you have, then here is the simple answer.

In general, there are three major hull designs with many variations to each one. Displacement, Semi-Displacement and Planing.



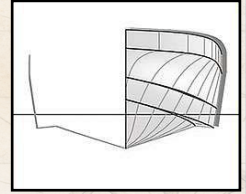
Displacement Hull

A **Displacement** hull is generally a rounded bottom hull most commonly found on sailboats and multi-hulls (such as a Catamaran or Trimaran) and trawlers. This hull shape sits "in" the water full time and pushes water to the sides as it moves. This hull design needs the least amount of energy to move through the water but has the lowest top speed of the three designs.



Semi-Displacement Hull

A **Planing** hull is a mostly flat bottom or "V" hull with very little shape. These are mostly found on high speed racing boats and high speed cruisers. This hull requires the most energy to lift it off the water on to plane. Once on plane, the hull rides almost above the water and therefore has the highest top speed of the three hull shapes. The disadvantage to this hull is it works the best on smoother water.



Planing Hull

The **Semi-Displacement** hull is found on larger motor yachts and is a combination of a Displacement hull in the front and a Planing hull in the rear. This design requires a lot of energy to move but will partially plane and reach higher speeds than a Displacement hull. This design also tends to be the most stable in rough seas.

Each issue we will learn more about the history of where some nautical terms come from. Enjoy!

This & That

- **Whale, Whale!** This fall has been full of surprises when it comes to dolphin and whale watching! From humpbacks lunge feeding to mega pods of dolphins stampeding, wildlife is sure not to disappoint. However,



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September 14, 2025 - A sperm whale was spotted 5.5 miles off of the coast of Oceanside. Photo courtesy of Oceanside Adventures and Mark a once in a lifetime experience.

Sperm whales are the largest toothed whale; females grow to be approximately 40 feet and males 52 feet in length. While sperm whales have a very wide global distribution, it is a rare treat to see this magnificent whale off our shores because they prefer very deep waters far offshore. Their

journey is influenced by food sources, migration and breeding seasons.

They can live to be up to 60 years old and are listed as *Endangered* under the Endangered Species Act and *Depleted* under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Their diet consists of squid, sharks, skates and fish. They routinely hunt for food as deep as 2,000 feet and can stay under for 45 minutes. Females weigh 15 tons, males weigh 45 tons, they eat 3% of their body weight daily.

- **Club Happenings** Membership has its rewards! Social events, discounts on classes, businesses, and trips. We offer ongoing California boating card classes, engine maintenance courses, and



on-the-water courses. The next Boating Card course starts on Tuesday, November 4th, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm in the Regatta room at OYC. America's Boating Club's Christmas Party is scheduled for Friday, December 19th, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at Hunter Steakhouse. RSVP to Jill Powel at ABCsanLuisRey@gmail.com.

Jill has also arranged a River Cruise on the Rhine River in France, May 28 - June 4, 2026. Don't forget to visit our website for upcoming classes and events, as well as the live webcam of the harbor entrance. [AmericasBoatingClubOceanside](http://AmericasBoatingClubOceanside.com)



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Lido Season is Back!!

By Steve Rhodes

I know how you're all feeling right now, and it doesn't have to be like this. I used to get the same feeling this time of year. Beer cans have come and gone. Days getting shorter and nights are getting longer. Ocean water temp dropping. Sun's heading south for the winter.

The next thing you know you're pulling out the long pants, then socks, and next sticking your feet into some sort of foot coffin. It's not the best time of year to be sure. The good news is... there is a cure!! This time of year used to really get me down, until I met a doctor in spring of '08.

He gave me a prescription that changed everything: Lido14. That's right **Lido 14**. An over the trailer cure for onset of fall depression.

I start taking it the moment the summer racing season ends, and as needed through the winter. Usually once a month until April, and I've never felt

better. **Lido 14** wipes away the winter blues with no drowsy side effects. Instead you feel a, huge, burst of energy, and happiness, that last for weeks.

Some of my friends and I took our first dose of **Lido 14** on September 14, and, like always, we felt great. I gave **Lido 14** to my 8 year old crew, West Johnson, and he was on top of the world. Jamie Gregory shared **Lido 14** with his youngest daughter Alayna, and she had a great day as well.

Jim Tilmant had the same results, as did his neighbor Alister. Not to be left out, Chris Schindler, and daughter Maeve dosed up with **Lido 14** and are doing great!!!

Don't let these dreary days get you down. Get you some **Lido 14**, and see what the buzz is all about!!! I can spot you some of mine if you're curious but don't want to jump in head first. We took our next dose on October 25. Come next time on November 30th to see what it's all about. Warning: **Lido 14** is highly addictive, use only as directed by your local fleet captain. December dates announced soon.

Some side effects include: excessive fairing of boards, constant polishing of bottoms, and intense measuring. Families who **Lido 14** together have experienced feelings of extreme closeness, and happiness!!! There is a support group that meets in the OYC lounge after each race to help guide you through these side effects. Usually they can be relieved with a burger and some sort of liquid refreshment. Until I see you next, stay Lidoed up my friends!!!



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Camp Pendleton Marines Showcase Amphibious Capabilities for Marine Corps 250th Birthday

<https://www.marines.mil/News/Press-Releases>

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif - I Marine Expeditionary Force hosted a live-fire Amphibious Capabilities demonstration at Red Beach, Camp Pendleton, followed by a community Beach Bash at Del Mar Beach on Saturday, October 18th, to mark the Marine Corps' 250th birthday and America's Semiquincentennial.

The force training activities planned ensure our readiness to defend the Homeland and protect our Nation's interests abroad against emergent and unprecedented challenges today and in the years ahead. The capailites demonstraion featured integrated Navy and Marine Corps operations across air, land and sea.



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 A pair of F-18's screaming over Oceanside Harbor beach

All training events occurred on approved training ranges and comport with established safety protocols. The decision to close Interstate 5 from 11am to 3pm came early in the day on October 18th.

In advance of the training event and demonstration, a detailed risk assessment was conducted by the Marine Corps. All participants were briefed. Medical, fire and emergency assets were on site, and multiple rehearsals were conducted. All air, surface, and ground movements are scripted and rehearsed in accordance with standard operating procedures and established safety checklists.





The Marine Corps Celebrate Their 250th Birthday

By Tammy Taunt

Wow! Wow! Wow! Those are the words that come to mind when thinking about the spectacular display of force and might the weekend of October 18th for the Marine Corps 250th year birthday celebration. Oceanside was home to one of the biggest air shows in the nation outside of Miramar...or maybe even better? It was certainly up close and very personal!



I feel very lucky to have been doing my volunteer job aboard a whale watching boat on Friday, October 17th when the US Navy battleships started moving into our shoreline. They were making maneuvers that frankly were a combination of frustration and admiration for whale watch sea captains who were trying to stay the proper

distance away from a moving target, but so fascinating to watch. Those of us who have lived here for awhile and sailed off our coast, are accustomed to all kinds of military operations, but this day felt super special to me. It could be that instead of two or three ships, by the end of that day on the water there were a total of at least eight! Towards the end of the afternoon, the jets and helicopters were flying overhead practicing for the real show on Saturday.



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The U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier off Oceanside's coast as seen from T-Dock.

On Saturday, I volunteered on the morning trip. I am so glad I did! We got into a super pod of dolphin fleeing from the area! I don't think they were scared, I think they were smart enough to know that something unusual was happening. It was delightful to spend time with them stampeding and watching at least two more Navy ships show up, plus the Theodore Roosevelt air carrier on the horizon.

Once back to shore, the real fun really started to happen. Oceanside Harbor was the place to be!! First came a flyover of F-18 jets screaming by with full burners on. WHOA! Time to get on the fly bridge at the end of T-Dock. The military definitely show cased all of their air power by individual flyovers from each type of aircraft to group flyovers. Towards the end of the day, I swear those F-18's and F-35's were flying straight down



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Army Golden Knights parachute team presenting the American flag over Del Mar Basin as seen from T-Dock.

T-Dock for the six of us cheering them on! It felt like we could reach out and touch them! Then the Army Golden Nights parachuted into Del Mar basin with a ginormous American Flag!

Apparently, there WERE aerial launches of artillery onto shore. We could not see those from our vantage point as it was very far north closer to the Basilone gate. The videos and photos found online are amazing.

I felt extremely safe that day! It is truly awe inspiring when our military shows its force and capabilities in such a positive and celebratory way.

Whatever your political stance is, please pause to reflect and realize that it just does not matter who is in the White House or Congress. As an American, be proud of our military that keeps us **FREE**. Every military member present, past and future deserves to be celebrated and thanked in a grand way for their sacrifice and patriotism. Their families deserve to be thanked as well because they too sacrifice a lot for their loved one who is a military member. Freedom is well worth celebrating!

I am proud to be an **American!**

Let Freedom Ring



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A trio of F-35's on the left, a C-130 in the middle and F-18's on the right. Thrilling!