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## CAHM&PC

### Legislative Update - Fall 2019

Overall, 2019 was a successful legislative year for the California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains; we worked proactively with our partners, consultants and multiple bill authors to remove our opposition, or completely stopped legislation that we felt was too onerous for marina owners and operators to comply with. Particularly, AB 705 (Stone), would have created a very problematic situation if a marina owner were to move or relocate their 'floating homes' around and required not only a marina owner or operator to create relocation plans, but also new low-cost additional locations and spaces for new floating homes.

Another troublesome issue that was quickly identified by CAHMPC's members was AB 516 (Chiu), which would have revoked the authority for law enforcement and local officials to tow and impound or immobilize a vehicle that has five or more delinquent parking tickets or traffic violations. As marina operators are well aware, parking around marinas is scarce and the ability to remove vehicles is an important and a quintessential tool for making sure customers have the ability to easily access marinas. Our Sacramento representatives quickly responded with a letter opposing AB 516 unless it was amended to exempt marinas from this

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## 71st Annual Training Conference and Trade Show Thank You and Congratulations

We can never say thank you and congratulations too many times. Our congratulations go to the 2019 CAHM&PC award winners during our conference. Those were, Mick Kronman awarded a Life Membership based on his many years of contributions to our association and his retirement as Harbor Operations Manager for the City of Santa Barbara. Everett Babbitt, Bellingham Marine and Karen Helms, Pocketfish Design, each were awarded with Certificates of Appreciation for their outstanding assistance to CAHM&PC. Distinguished service awards were presented to Don Kinnamon, for extraordinary efforts which advances the objectives of the Association, Eric Endersby for exemplary service to the Association and to and Matt Ashton for his heroic efforts related to maritime services. Be sure to extend your personal congratulations to these great folks when you see them.

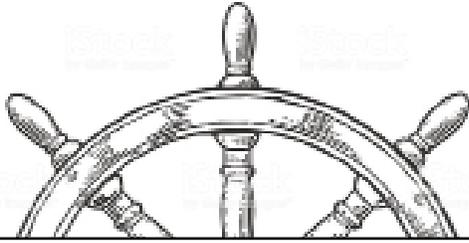
Our perpetual cup for Port Captain of the year was presented to our President, Charlie Helms. Charlie was also awarded our most coveted award, Harbor Master of the Year based on his actions and deeds which epitomizes the position of Harbor Master.

Finally, a big thanks go to our headline conference sponsors, Bellingham Marine and Kie-Con, Inc. Additional sponsorship was provided by Moffatt & Nichol, GHD Engineers, FindSlips and Western Wood Preservers Institute. Remember the best way to thank our sponsors is with your business.



*Senator McGuire swearing in the 2020 Board of Directors*

# FROM THE HELM



*By Charlie Helms, President CAHM&PC*

The year is almost over! That means it's time to look back on 2019 and look forward to 2020.

In my opinion, the Association has experienced a pretty good year.

To start with, the Association decided to hire an Executive Director and chose Brad Gross. Brad is intimately acquainted with the California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains. He won Harbor Master of the Year multiple times and is also a Past President of the organization. He has been a Harbor Master in a number of California ports and is a Certified Marina Manager. Brad served as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Association of Marina Industries which is a nationwide membership organization.

Since coming on board, Brad has, among many other accomplishments, increased membership in the association; oversaw a complete modernization of the organization's website; and did yeoman's work in getting the best deal possible from the hotel in Sacramento where we held the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Training Conference in September.

Speaking of the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Training Conference, which was held from Wednesday, September 4 through Friday, September 6 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento, we received very favorable comments on the quality of the agenda and the presenters. We had polled our membership early in the year to see what would make it worth their time and money to attend the conference.

One area where a number of members expressed interest was how to start planning for major renovation and replacement of their existing marinas. We were able to address this interest by offering a complete afternoon track that included presentations by PND Engineers on how to

start the planning process; Environmental Service Associates on California Environmental Quality (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) permitting requirements; Bellingham Marine on options for various docks, floating platforms, wave attenuators and more; and SCI Consulting on how to raise money for marina projects.

Another bright spot was the incoming Board of Directors for 2020 who were elected at the Conference. State Senator Mike McGuire, a strong supporter of the maritime industry and commercial fishing, came to the Embassy Suites to administer the Oath of Office to the newly elected Directors. From what they've shared with me, they are all anxious to get to work in January and bring new energy to our association.

That brings me to my first ask for the New Year. What sessions would be of value to you at next year's training conference? We want to make the conference a great experience for you and a great value for your employer. Please help us succeed.

My second and last ask for this column is that you help us grow our membership. Please let me, or Brad, or any one of our Board of Directors, know about someone or some organization that could benefit by membership in the California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains. I moved to California from the Seattle area almost six years ago and didn't know a soul in our state's ports and harbors. It was only through my membership in the Harbor Masters Association that I was able to accelerate my learning curve at my new job. Another great benefit for me was to have a list of vendors that I could trust because they were association members. Believe me, I made a lot of purchases and sent a lot of work to our Sustaining Trade Members.

Once again, please help us succeed. Thank you all!

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Brad Gross, Executive Director



This has been a great year. Your Board of Directors have made some great improvements to your Association in 2019 and plan to keep the momentum going through 2020. One of the most significant new policy is for our Executive Board to enjoy two-year terms as we move into the next decade. I am sure this will prove to be great for consistency of programs and plans over the years.

Our membership for this year saw a healthy increase by adding five new marina members and sixteen new trade members. Just as we hoped early in early 2019, this has been a good rebuilding year for us.

The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Training Conference and Trade Show was also a big hit. Much of that success is due to the generosity of our sponsors. We cannot have a Trade Show without them, and we cannot have a Training Conference without our marina members. With that said, plans are in place for next-year's Conference and Show to take place, October 20-23, 2020 at the San Diego Sheraton Hotel and Marina.

Please plan to attend our 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, by remembering to include this in your travel and training budget for 2020. Remember, training is key to professional development for not only you, but your staff also. More importantly, the relationships developed with your peers and our vendors are critical for future success. Many of our marina members have found their next jobs or staff as a result of those peer groups developed over the years of attending.

Finally, in closing the year, your Board of Directors have decided to end our long-standing agreement with or Sacramento lobbyist, the Apex Group. We have had a long and very successfully relationship and wish them the best. Our new firm will be Platinum Advisors and you can read all about them in their introductory article provide in this Slack Tide.

I wish you all a healthy and happy holiday season!

Brad Gross, CMM  
Executive Director

**LEGISLATION from page 1**

legislation. Fortunately, this bill was held in Senate Appropriations to due to the large amount of opposition from CAHMPC, Peace Officers Association, California State Sheriffs, League of California Cities, and numerous other associations. We continue to monitor this issue to see if it will be reintroduced in the 2020 legislative cycle.

Below are the major bills that we focused on as a broader marine coalition and an additional report of all the bills that our Sacramento representative is tracking, that have either made it to the Governor’s desk or have already been chaptered into law this year.

**SB 393 (Stone) Vessels: Impoundment – Oppose Unless Amended – Moved to Support**

SB 393 would authorize a court to order the impoundment of a vessel, as defined, for a period of not less than one, or more than 30 days, if the registered owner is convicted of a specified crime involving the operation of a vessel while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, any drug, or the combined influence of an alcoholic beverage and any drug and the conduct resulted in the unlawful killing of a person. The bill would authorize a court to consider certain factors in the interest of justice when determining whether a vessel used in the commission of such a crime shall be impounded pursuant to those provisions.

Our concern: Our marina owners and public harbors are primarily concerned with the liability involved in holding impounded vessels for a duration and believe there should be funds given to either entity for holding a vessel, and that there is a release of liability for holding impounded vessels.

*Resolution: We were able to amend this bill to give greater protections to marina owners’ liability when a vessel is impounded in their marina.*

**AB 705 (Stone) Mobile Home and Floating Home Parks: Change of Use – Oppose Unless Amended**

The bill would require the local government to first make a finding that the approval of the closure of the mobile home or **floating home** park and its conversion into its intended new use will not result in, or materially contribute to, a shortage of housing opportunities and choices within the local jurisdiction for low and moderate income households.’

Our Concern: This bill puts onerous responsibility on marina owners and public harbors to build or place new floating homes in their area. If an agency limits or forbids live-aboard vessels, it should be that agency to be responsible for creating alternative housing, not the marina. Specifically, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) defines “floating homes” to include all vessels in which a person resides (e.g. Sailboats, Motorboats, Houseboats). Some agencies oppose floating homes and limit liveaboards, including State Lands Commission, BCDC, and some ports. Marinas and cities support floating

homes as they provide affordable housing, but other previously mentioned agencies try to limit the expansion of these affordable opportunities.

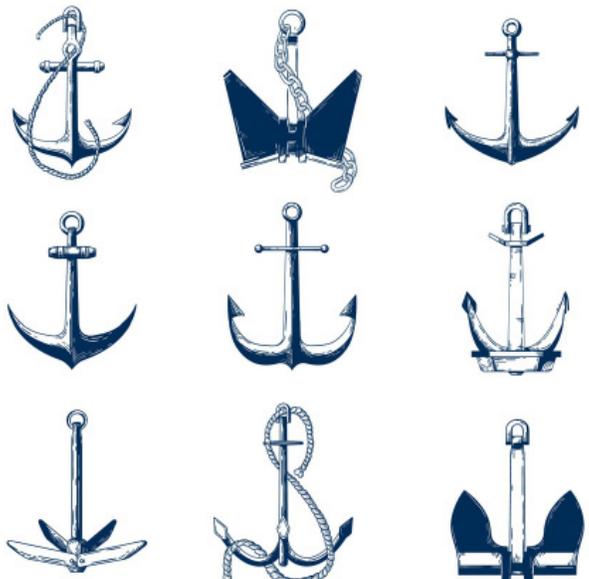
*Resolution: This bill was stopped in committee.*

**AB 1387 (Wood) Sportfishing License - 12 Consecutive Months - Support**

Today, California has an antiquated and costly licensing system whereby annual fishing licenses expire on December 31 of every year, regardless of when it was purchased. This has contributed, in part, to significant declines in fishing participation rates and license sales. This legislation aims to increase fishing participation rates, license sales and state revenue by making annual fishing licenses valid for a full 12-months from the date of purchase. Since 1980, annual resident sport fishing license sales have declined 55%, while the state’s population has increased over 60%. While California has a population of more than 39.8 million people, one of the country’s longest coastlines, more than 3,000 lakes and thousands of rivers and streams, it has the lowest fishing participation rate per capita in the country.

A leading contributor to declining fishing participation rates is costly fishing licenses that are not valid a full 365 days from the date of purchase. Due to the fact that most anglers will not pay full price for a license that is not valid a full 365 days from the date of purchase, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) fishing license data reveals that annual license sales peak in the first quarter of the year and then decline significantly by Spring, even as weather warms and outdoor activity increases.

*Resolution: The Department of Fish and Wildlife wanted to wait an additional year for an initial report from the state-wide action plan Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation (R3 Group) to be published prior to taking on a 365-day fishing license. The bill hearing was cancelled at the request of the author.*



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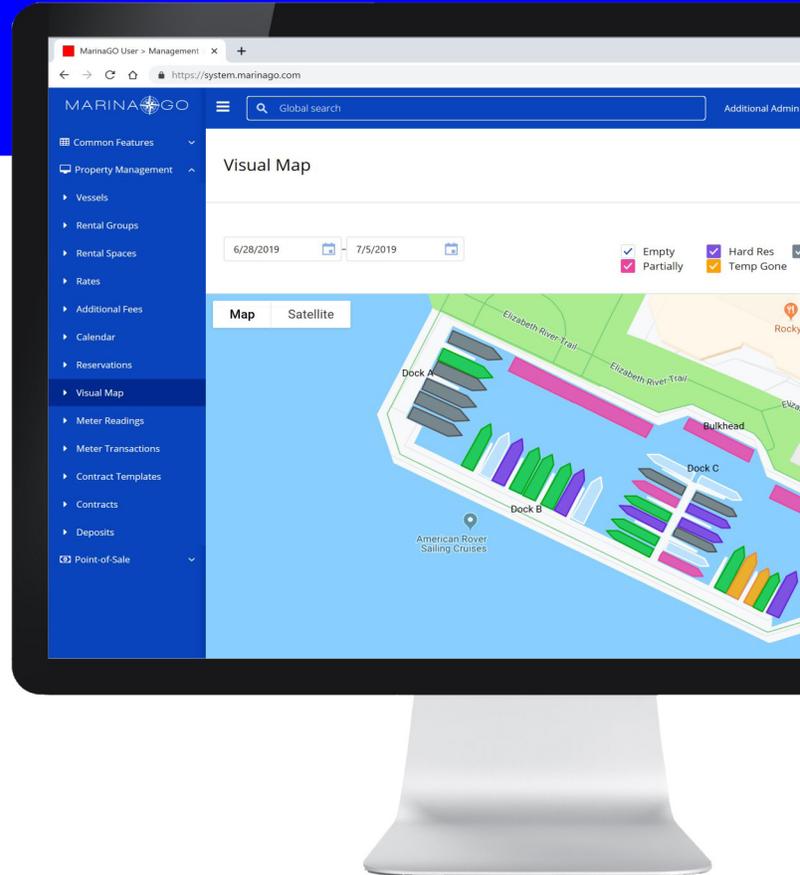
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# 'Elected Officials Participate in 71st Annual Training Conference'

By Charlie Helms, President CAHM&PC

California's Lieutenant Governor, a Senator and an Assemblymember all participated in the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Training Conference held last September.

Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis addressed our conference attendees at lunch on Thursday, September 5. She is the first woman in state history to be elected to the position of Lt. Governor.

As the Chairperson of the State Lands Commission, a member of the California Ocean Protection Council and a non-voting member of the California Coastal Commission, the Lieutenant Governor spoke about potential effects of Sea Level Rise in the state and possible mitigation efforts. The State Lands Commission and the Coastal Commission had required all ports and harbors which are recipients of State Land Grants to submit a Sea Level Rise Study of their facility to the State Lands Commission by June 30, 2019.

Lt. Governor Kounalakis acknowledged the important contributions the state's ports and harbors make to the economy of California and how sea level rise could negatively impact port operations. The State's economy, valued at \$2.747 trillion dollars, is larger than that of most nations. The state's economy is ranked as the fifth largest in the world, just ahead of the United Kingdom.

On Wednesday, September 4, Assemblymember Jim Wood welcomed the conference-goers to Sacramento. Assemblymember Wood, a dentist by training, was elected to the State Assembly in 2014 having previously served as Mayor of Healdsburg.

He is the author of AB 1387 the annual fishing license Bill. Assemblymember Wood has stated that, "The current "annual" fishing license is only valid until December 31, regardless of the purchase date. California has the lowest fishing participation rate per capita in the country -- there has been a 55 percent decrease since 1980. In addition, our antiquated system prevents many people from purchasing a license later in the year because the expense does not make sense for a shortened period of time. This bill was introduced to provide a 365-day license from the date of purchase and would require the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to develop an app that can display your license on your mobile device as well as an auto-renewal feature."

The California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains has expressed support for this proposal.

On Thursday evening, Sen. Mike McGuire came to the hotel to swear in the Association's 2020 Board Members. The 2020 Board of Directors had been elected by the membership earlier that day.

Sen. McGuire is the Chair of the Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture. He successfully fought to exempt commercial fishermen from AB5. The costs associated with the rules enacted by this legislation would have put many small commercial family fishermen either out of business or forced them to move to other states. Senator McGuire took time to visit with each of the 2020 Board Members to learn what ports they represented and to congratulate them on their election.



*Lt. Governor Eleni Kounalakis*



*Assemblymember Jim Wood*



*Senator Mike McGuire*

# Welcome New Members

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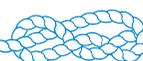
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# New Ventura Harbor Village Marina Facilitates Commercial Fishing and Helps Local Economy

The Ventura Port District recently redeveloped the floating dock system at Ventura Harbor Village Marina. According to Harbormaster John Higgins, this was to accommodate the growing commercial fishing activities in the Ventura Harbor. The Ventura coast is home to a large population of California market squid. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), California market squid are “sustainably managed and responsibly harvested” from Baja California up to Monterey Bay, California. A staple of the local economy, the deep waters of the Ventura Harbor are ideal for commercial fish offloading. Squid fishing and other aquaculture provide millions of dollars in revenue for Ventura each year. As such, the Ventura Port District redeveloped the Ventura Harbor Village Marina to suit the needs of the expanding fleet of commercial vessels.

Bellingham Marine Industries was contracted to update the existing dock system. Having previously replaced docks “E,” “F,” and “I” in 2005, Bellingham Marine focused their efforts on the remaining outdated timber docks. These were replaced with a stronger, more durable concrete dock system. Perhaps the most significant change was the decision to combine “G” and “H” docks into a single “G/H” dock. Previously, the G & H docks were built to accommodate 30’ - 40’ vessels. However, with the commercial needs of the marina in mind, a larger, combination G/H dock was designed for 60’ - 70’ commercial vessels.

According to Eric Noegel, Bellingham Marine’s Senior Manager of Project Development, “due to increased berthing loads, commercial fleets require a stronger dock system. We increased the wall thickness of the concrete modules and reinforced the docks with a more robust waler system. We also integrated fiberglass reinforced polymer thru-rods. These thru-rods are corrosion resistant and have twice the tensile strength as steel. Ventura Harbor Village needed a dock system resilient enough to withstand the wind and wave loads and the daily demand of commercial activities happening throughout the marina.”

When asked about the most interesting aspect of the new dock system at the Ventura Harbor Village, Project Manager Hal Burnette said, “the slip needs of the commercial

fleet required longer finger docks. We were able to utilize 60’ monolithic floats for some of the new slips. This single piece design minimizes twisting and increases the overall stability of the dock system.”

The new dock system was a necessary upgrade for the Ventura Port District. “We recognized commercial fishing vessels trending towards larger hulls. These hulls allow fishing companies to increase their capacity and maximize revenues. The new dock design facilitates this trend and helps promote fishing activities within the port,” said Harbormaster John Higgins. Ventura Harbor is considered one of the top fish offloading harbors on the Pacific coast and the new dock system at Ventura Harbor Village will house commercial fishing fleets for decades to come.

*\*\*\* Bellingham Marine was the design/build contractor for the Ventura Harbor Village Marina project. All of the concrete docks were built in their southwest division’s plant in Dixon, California. \*\*\**



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By Beau Biller, Lobbyist

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Thank you for the opportunity to work with CAHMPC. My name is Beau Biller and I have been lobbying for Darius Anderson, Founder and Managing Partner of Platinum Advisors, LLC for 15 years. Darius founded the firm over 20 years ago. I figured I would make our introduction an easy time saver by just referring you to our website at [www.platinumadvisors.com](http://www.platinumadvisors.com) – but for a more personal introduction I offer the following:

Platinum (that's what everyone in town calls us) is unique among our lobby peers in Sacramento. The main reason is we don't just lobby in Sacramento. We have maintained an office in San Francisco since our inception and on and off (now on and growing) in Washington DC. Recently we hung another shingle in Silicon Valley. We have 9 registered lobbyists in Sacramento (all of this is on the website).

I happen to be the office fisher and boat enthusiast so I asked to run point on your account. I learned to surf in Ventura and started sailboarding in Ventura Harbor when I was 12. I can't count the number of cattle boat trips my grandfather took me on as a kid out of Ventura, Oxnard (back then) and Santa Barbara (Goleta I think). That doesn't mean much more than I grew up at the beach and enjoyed the harbor – and what it offered.

Perhaps of interest on a policy front we represent the Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Associations (PCFFA) and engaged this last year on the independent contractor fight. Happy to save the details of that battle for a much

longer post but suffice it so say there is an exemption for commercial fisherman included in AB 5. This issue will go on for many years and I would imagine top of mind for many of your operations and those that rely upon you.

When the Legislature reconvenes in January the first order of business is to dispense with any leftovers that didn't meet deadlines in 2019 (two-year bills). At the same time the members will be busy drafting a couple of more thousand ideas for the second half of session. We will read, digest and alert your association of bills of interest. The Governor's budget will be unveiled in January. Although more of a framework for a discussion still a benchmark if budget changes are needed. We keep an eye on - and react to - these matters when they impact your operations. Killing, passing and amending bills is the basic program.



In order to keep it short I will leave the door open to share all the great things we have done for our clients over the years. We plan to deliver value and prove ourselves useful as your representatives here in Sacramento.



# WHEEL WATCH

## KENDRA GRAY, CITY OF SACRAMENTO MARINA

By Eric Endersby, Morro Bay Harbor

This issue we bring you one of our few non-salt water members, Kendra Gray of the Sacramento Marina, on, of course, the Sacramento River. Although Sacramento sees no ocean water, it does get tidal influences to its river flow, and has the largest seasonal “tides” of any of us – river flood crests up to 30+ feet some years.

**Eric: Name, rank, serial number, employer?**

Kendra: Kendra Gray, Customer Service Specialist for the City of Sacramento Marina.

**How long have you worked for Sacramento?**

I’ve worked for the City of Sacramento for 14 years.

**How did you come to work for the City?**

I was applying for the City of Sacramento and at the time, it was for a Typist Clerk position and the position could have been for anywhere, you didn’t necessarily know where you would get an interview. The interview was at the Sacramento Marina and even being born and raised in Sacramento, I never knew Sacramento had a marina. I was thrilled to get the job because I love being around the water and love serving customers. **Fate can work in strange and wondrous ways.**

**What is your “nautical” or “maritime” background?**

I don’t necessarily have a maritime background. I guess I could say “my love for the water” background started at a young age growing up in River Park, a small community in the East Sacramento area swimming for the local public pool. We were on a team we proudly named the River Rats! The community and the house I grew up in is minutes from the American River so I would spend summers swimming at the river, swimming at the pool, swimming in my parent’s pool. I pretty much lived in my bathing suit and had green hair from all the chlorine! **OK, that meets the nautical qualification.**

In high school I swam competitively; 50 Free, 100 Free and 500 Free were my specialties. I could go from sprinting to long distance. **Wow, not too many swimmers do that, it’s either one or the other.**



**Well we already know you were born and raised in Sac, so where did you go to college?**

After graduating at Sacramento High School, I took classes at Sacramento State, but decided to turn my attention towards the Hospitality Management industry because I had dreams of being a chef (which clearly didn’t pan out, but I certainly learned to cook good food fast!). I started taking

culinary classes at American River College. During that time, a friend that I had swam with in high school asked me if I would like to swim the Alcatraz Sharkfest Race in the San Francisco Bay. I was completely intrigued, and it got me back in the water training, where I loved to be. I first swam the race in 1997. I completed it successfully with 500 other swimmers and I was proud to say that I did not wear a wet suit! **That’s what I call “dedication.”** I ended up doing the race 2 more times in my life. The second time was 1999 and on the night of the race, my girlfriend and I were celebrating up in South Lake Tahoe, which was the night I met my future husband, Gary Gray. **There’s that fate again...**

**Married, kids?**

We married in 2002 in South Lake Tahoe, bought a house and moved to South Sacramento, and welcomed our first baby girl, in 2005. **Congratulations.** A year later we sold that house and moved back to the same neighborhood I grew up in, in the same court and this time the river was directly behind our house, which was a big selling point to us. We had two more baby girls, one in 2007 and one in 2012. **Congratulations x2, but Gary is outnumbered!**

**What do you like to do in your time off?**

Our girls now swim in our pool with us, we take walks along the beautiful American River all the time with our kids and our crazy mutt Abby. My husband and I both work for the City of Sacramento and we love that we get to come home at a decent hour, help the kids with homework, take them to all their activities, and still have quiet moments together walking at river.

**Do you own a boat? Do you use her often?**

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We do not own a boat; we are kayakers and campers and when given opportunities, we can be found kayaking down the American River to our house or taking the kids on adventures in hiking and camping in the Sierras. So I guess I am still a River Rat at heart. **Once a River Rat...**

### How long have you been a member of CAHMPC?

The City of Sacramento Marina have been members of CAHMPC for over 15 years and in the last four years, I have become more involved thanks to my Manager, Keith Underwood. What I love most about the marine industry is the people. I believe people in general are valuable and I was trained by an early mentor in my teens to observe, understand, tolerate, communicate, inspire and learn from people. It allows me to perform my job well in my opinion. Working with mariners was something I never thought I'd do, but I absolutely love it. I love hearing their stories and their memories on the water with their friends and families.

Working in a marina in an urban metropolitan City has its challenges, but they are minor compared to the lovely people I serve and the beautiful hidden gem I get to call "work." **Amen to that.**

### What experiences and conferences stand out for you with CAHMPC and why?

I think it's extremely beneficial being a part of CAHMPC mostly to network, learn from each other, and see other ports and harbors first-hand. I get inspired going to the conferences and I think the one that stands out the most for me was Marina Del Rey. I was inspired by the non-profit "RowLA," and I would like to bring a kid's education program on the water to the Sacramento Marina; a shared vision in our office and when I heard their story and how they got started I was inspired. These kinds of programs are what I am most interested in and so Marina Del Rey definitely stood out. **Great story. Thanks Kendra!**



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# U.S. Coast Guard Offloads \$90M Cocaine Haul in San Diego

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*Alert* called at the Port of San Diego Wednesday to offload \$92 million worth of seized cocaine.

The drugs were seized in four separate interdictions off the coasts of Mexico, Central and South America in the international waters of the Eastern Pacific. Three cutters - the *Alert*, the *Robert Ward* and the *Seneca* - contributed to the haul. *Alert* was responsible for two of the four cases, seizing a total of about two tons of cocaine, while *Seneca* and *Robert*

*Ward* captured about 1,500 pounds each. "I am extremely proud of this crew for doing their part to keep these dangerous drugs off the streets," said Cmdr. Tyson Scofield, *Alert's* commanding officer. "The Eastern Pacific Ocean is a challenging environment, especially on a ship that is in her 50th year of service, yet this crew persevered to disrupt the illegal flow of narcotics that fuels instability in Central and South America. The counter-drug mission is as important now as it has ever been, and these brave men and women can return home after a 69-day patrol knowing they made a difference."



*The crew of the Alert offload bagged cocaine onto the pier in San Diego (USCG)*

The U.S. Coast Guard maintains an active presence in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Basin, which are known drug transit zones. During at-sea interdictions in international waters, a suspect vessel is generally located and tracked by allied, military or law enforcement personnel. The interdictions, including the actual boarding, are led and conducted by U.S. Coast Guardsmen. The effort has yielded impressive results. In FY2017, the Coast Guard seized about 445,000 pounds of cocaine worth an estimated \$6 billion, compared with about 36,000 pounds seized on shore by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

## Western Wood Preservers Institute 'Lady Washington' Model Won by Keith Underwood

Keith Underwood, Marina Manager, City of Sacramento Marina, is a lucky man. Not only does he get to run a beautiful 475 slip public marina on the Sacramento River with the help of a friendly and capable staff, Keith won the impressive model of the sailing ship *Lady Washington* from the Western Wood Preservers Institute at the CAHMP 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Training Conference.

When you think about it, he's double lucky. Anyone else at the Conference would have had to get the *Lady Washington* professionally boxed for shipping to their home port, but all Keith had to do was load the model into his vehicle and drive it over to the marina. Easy-peasy!





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