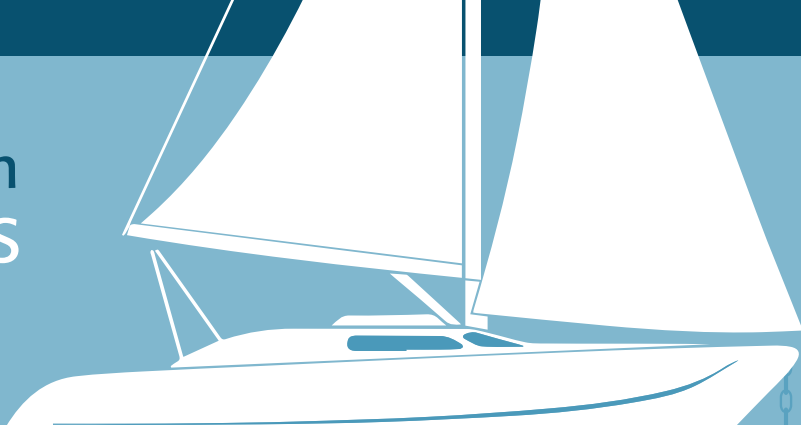


City of Newport Beach HARBOR RESOURCES



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Preparing for a Possible El Niño Storm Season

Dear Mooring Permittee,

The forecasted El Niño storm season may bring heavier-than-average rains along with potential flooding and runoff to Southern California this winter. As a mooring permittee, now is the time to prepare your boat and mooring for these potential impacts.

Suggested Tips:

- Inspect your mooring lines for wear, chafing and excess growth. Replace as needed. Slipping old fire hose over the lines reduces chafing.
- Are you current with your mooring maintenance and service? The Harbor Patrol (949-723-1002) can tell you when your mooring overhaul is due.
- Consider splicing the end of your mooring line to a thimble which then attaches to the shackle/swivel which then attaches to the mooring buoy. Consider using seizing wire for the shackle pin.
- Remove your roller furling headsails when not in use.
- Convert your “ring buoy” to a safer “ball buoy.”
- Consider adding additional weight to your mooring.
- Check your canvas and isinglass for signs of wear. Check your portholes and hatches for watertight seals. Repair as needed.
- Test your auto-bilge pump, electrical system and engine for operability.
- Protect your vessel against sea lions so your equipment is not damaged/broken when you need it most during a storm.
- Visit your boat often. Get to know your mooring neighbors. Call the Harbor Patrol if you see vessels in distress, even if that vessel is at its mooring.

While we prepare for potential winter storms, please remember that not all El Niño storm seasons produce enough rain to ease the drought, so please continue to conserve water. The City has posted water conservation tips here: www.newportbeachca.gov/water. For more information about El Niño preparations, please visit www.newportbeachca.gov/elniño.

Thank you for preparing your vessel and mooring for the anticipated storm season.

Sincerely,

Chris Miller
Harbor Manager

