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SAN MATEO COUNTY HARBOR DISTRICT'S NATIONAL MARINA DAY

Come join us on the water!

Pillar Point Harbor in Half Moon Bay & Oyster Point Marina in South San

Francisco, August 26, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - The San Mateo County Harbor District is excited to host its first ever National Marina Day aimed at encouraging people to learn about boating and to get out on the water.

Whether its skimming across the water, fishing off San Mateo County's Pacific coast, sailing the San Francisco Bay or watching marine wildlife, boating is one of the most exhilarating ways to enjoy some of the Bay Area's most breathtaking natural resources.

Existing boaters are always ready to celebrate with a day on the water, but on August 26 the Harbor District asks them to bring a non-boater out to share in the experience. "The two things we want visitors to take away from their visit to our Harbors is how much fun being out on the water is and the importance of boater safety," says Deputy Harbor Master, Cary Smith. The Harbor District's staff look forward to helping visitors understand the importance of having a safety plan, properly using safety equipment and understanding weather conditions. "Responsible boaters are also stewards of the environment," explains Smith.

The dedicated teams that keep Pillar Point Harbor and Oyster Point Marina safe and environmentally sound are responsible for over 100 search and rescue operations a year all while making sure the boaters, commercial fishermen, kayakers and beach going citizens of San Mateo County are having fun and being safe in, around and on the water.

Come join the Harbor District on August 26 from 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m. to meet the incredible staff who embody boater safety and environmental awareness daily. Both Pillar Point Harbor and Oyster Point Marina will have booths set up to distribute information as well as coloring books and activities for kids. The event is free and will be accepting donations for Folds of Honor (www.foldsofhonor.org), a non-profit that provides educational scholarships to spouses and children of fallen and disabled service-members.

About the San Mateo County Harbor District: The San Mateo County Harbor District was first established in 1933 and currently operates Pillar Point Harbor and Oyster Point Marina. Pillar Point Harbor remains a major commercial and sport fishing harbor, with 369 berths. It hosts several public events throughout the year and is an increasingly popular tourist destination on Half Moon Bay. The Harbor District began operating Oyster Point Marina in 1977. Now with ferry service to other points on San Francisco Bay, Oyster Point Marina provides a 408-berth marina and boat launch ramp, a fishing pier, a 33-acre park with picnic facilities and waterside hiking and jogging trails. The District is governed by a five-member Board of Harbor Commissioners, who are elected County-wide for staggered four-year terms. For more information please visit the Harbor District's website: www.smharbor.com