

# HARBOR HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 2022



**Don't Miss Our**  
 Halloween party  
 & Costume contest

**Saturday October 29th**  
 6:00—9:00 pm on the Deck

*Join us for frightful food,  
 ghoulish fun & spooky festivities.*

**Join us on the deck for music, games  
 and prizes. Costumes optional.**

**RSVP to the Marina Office  
 before October 4th**  
*for your chance to win a Tom Ham's  
 Lighthouse gift card!!*  
 619-291-6440  
 marinaoffice@harborislandwest.com

MARINA WI-FI

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We are excited to share our partnership with Locket Wi-Fi. Locket provide wireless fiber service with different options available depending on your needs. Their basic package is \$39.95/month, and other options go up from there. This options support speeds up to 500MBS, virtual calls and voip systems and multiple streaming services.

We installed two, free hot spots for your use, one on the deck and one in the pool area. Not a bad place to reply to a work email or two!

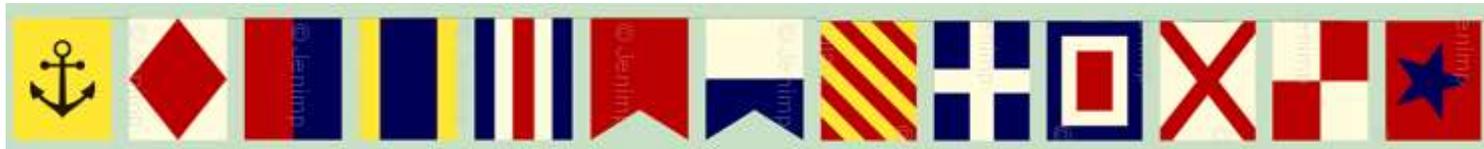
Locket pride themselves on being the fastest internet service for boaters on the waterfront.



**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**



Meet our newest addition to the maintenance team. Brandon is originally from Idaho, but he has lived in San Diego for almost his whole life. Brandon has always been a lover of the outdoors and regularly enjoys bringing his dog Ralphy to the beach. For most of his life Brandon has worked in maintenance but he did do a six-year stint in the Navy and has been boating for about 8 years now. On his days off, you might spot him in the bay sailing his Pearson 32, called *Curacao*. Feel free to welcome Brandon to the marina when you see him!





## 29th Annual Cruising Season Returns

It's not too late to sign up for Latitude 38's Annual Baja Haha—the two-week cruisers rally from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas, which takes place every fall. Some of our very own will be in attendance, including Chuck Skewes, of Ullman Sails. With over 130 boats already signed up, and numerous social events along the way,

it's sure to be an epic adventure with lifelong friends made along the way. If you decide to join in the 750 mile cruising rally, be sure to send us photos!



## SAN DIEGO EVENTS

### Ocean Beach Oktoberfest

OB Oktoberfest is going down on Fri, Oct 7<sup>th</sup> & Sat, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>, where Newport Ave. meets the Ocean Beach Pier. Festivities include both family friendly and adult activities. Enjoy classic German brew, music by local and nationally touring artists, contests, vendors and more! Entrance is \$10. Fri: 4:00pm—11:30pm | Sat: 10am—11:30pm [www.oboktoberfest.com/](http://www.oboktoberfest.com/)

### Swift Naval History Boat Tour

Swift Boats are aluminum, shallow draft Navy boats used during the Vietnam War for shallow water fighting.

Be a part of history and ride the only active passenger carrying Swift Boat in the country and enjoy a behind the scene 75-minute narrated tour of San Diego's military history. Tour route begins at the Maritime Museum, then heads under Coronado Bay Bridge, Naval Base San Diego, and then Naval Amphibious Base. Tickets are \$15.00. and run on weekends through the end of the year.

Visit: [www.sdmaritime.org/tickets](http://www.sdmaritime.org/tickets) for details.

## Extremely Rare Megamouth Shark Sighting off San Diego



Val Costescu, David Stabile, and Andrew Chang were about 30 miles off the coast fishing when they captured a video of the sharks swimming under their boat on Sunday. Chang recognized the rare species right away.

"Right when we got close he threw out "oh my gosh I think that's a mega mouth," Stabile said. The group took their footage to Scripps Institution of Oceanography to confirm what they saw. "I think with each person we were put in contact with, the gravity of everything started to sink in with us that we truly had an out of this world unique experience," Stabile said.

It was a unique experience for several reasons. Dovi Kacev, a researcher with Scripps Institution of Oceanography, says megamouth sharks are so rare we don't know how many exist. "They spend the majority of their time in deep water far from the shore," said Kacev. "There's still a lot of unknowns about them as far as where they spend their time because we see them so infrequently,"

The sighting comes as a whale shark was spotted near San Diego last week. Kacev says the warm ocean waters may be impacting the behavior of the marine life. When it comes to megamouth sharks, most sightings are around southeast Asia. The sharks get caught in fishing gear which makes this sighting, of them swimming, even more rare.

Chang says he was told he has the only known footage of two megamouths together. "The thing about fishing is you never know what you're gonna find. I thought I had seen it all at this point but who would have thought I would see two megamouth sharks," said Chang. Researchers are meeting with the group of men who spotted the megasharks to document the sighting in a scientific journal. Let us know what you spot out fishing!!

*Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than those you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the wind in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. - Author Unknown*