



Dear sirs,

I am new to the boating community. I purchased a new 36 foot sailboat in March of 2013 and I keep it at the Tahiti Marina in Marina del Rey. Recently I was made aware of this proposal to ban copper based paints in Marina del Rey and that the boat owners are to held liable for the environmental condition in the marina.

It is my understanding that I should have received a notice about such a proposal, thusfar I have not.

Please explain to me why I should be made responsible for whatever condition the marina is in when I have only owned a boat for one year? Did my boat contaminate the water the same as the owner who has been there for 30 years?

My boat is new with new paint, why strip it now? Why not ban the paint? Then when I need to repaint it is with a more environmentally friendly product.

Why is this proposal only for Marina del Rey?

I am 60 years old and have saved all my life to afford this boat. Now I may have to give it up if boat owners are now to be saddled with these unaffordable costs.

Please reject this proposal. It is simply unfair. It seems that no one has taken the time to think this through. There has to be a better solution.

Thank you,

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New Boat Owner