

Boaters Warned To Obey Rules

The Commander of the local Coast Guard District issued a warning today to all boaters navigating waters under his jurisdiction and issued a special word of caution to those on the Colorado River between Parker Dam and Headgate Dam that boarding officers will issue violation citations for reckless and negligent operation of boats.

Rear Adm. Charles Tighe, commander of the 11th Coast Guard District headquartered in Long Beach, urged all boaters to use a little common sense in the operation of their small boats and warned them of the hazards of operating while under the influence of intoxicants. He stated that stiff penalties will be assessed against persons found to be operating their boats in a reckless and negligent manner.

Admiral Tighe issued this warning because of the general disregard for safety witnessed by Coast Guard safety patrols over the Memorial Day weekend.

LIEUT. COM. Peter Sterbling, chief of the Boating Safety Branch, said, "Coast Guard patrols stopped 190 boaters on the Colorado River who were operating their craft in an unsafe, reckless or negligent manner over the three day weekend." Of those, 102 received violation citations and 11 warnings were issued just in the Parker area alone. Penalties assessed to these boaters, operating recklessly or negligently, ranged from \$25 to \$100. Lt. Commander Sterbling added, "there were between 20 to 25 accidents and at least eight persons received serious injuries, fortunately there were no fatalities."

Admiral Tighe asked the governors of California and Arizona for their assistance concerning the violent conduct of boaters on the Colorado River in a recent telegram that said, "During the Memorial Day weekend Coast Guard Boating Safety Patrol on the Colorado River between Parker Dam and Headgate Dam observed shockingly hazardous conditions created by high speed craft and water skiing in congested areas and in close proximity of swimmers. Excessive use of intoxicants by operators was widely apparent and hazardous operations prevailed both during daylight and darkness."

"NUMEROUS collisions involving injury to property and persons were observed. One hundred and two citations for unsafe, reckless or negligent navigation were issued by the Coast Guard. Urgency of need for increased law enforcement cannot be overstressed."

"Your immediate assistance and support to curb this violent conduct and protect the public interest is solicited."

Lt. Commander Sterbling advises all operators of motor-

boats to avoid the following unsafe practices which could result in citations for reckless and or negligent operation:

- Excessive speed in close proximity to other boats in narrow winding channels or during periods of reduced visibility.

- Overloading of vessels clearly beyond safe loading capacity as recommended by manufacturers or, in absence of manufacturers recommended safe loading capacity, evidence of instability, little freeboard, shipping water from slight wakes, etc.

- Operating while under the influence of intoxicants or drugs.

- Certain unsafe water skiing practices such as towing water skiers in the vicinity of

other vessels, where if the skier fell he may likely be hit by other vessels, water skiing without an observer, exceeding speed limits, towing a skier against the traffic pattern, towing a skier near swimmers, operating in a restricted area and creating an excessive wake in mooring areas.

- Operating within swimming areas where bathers are present.

- Operating in the vicinity of dams when such areas are known to be hazardous. Negligent operation is particularly evident when the areas are clearly marked by warning signs, posters, buoys, and other means designed to inform the public of hazards.

- Bow or gunnel riding without protective railings.

HE ALSO stated that a record of all violations is kept on file for three years and is utilized as a guideline in setting future penalties if one should occur. These penalties range from \$25 to \$2,000 or imprisonment for a term of not exceeding one year or both.

"The Coast Guard policy at the present time," Lt. Commander Sterbling said, "is not to stop any boater who appears to be operating his boat in a safe and prudent manner. We do not intend to harass any boater who is demonstrating good seamanship, but we do intend to crack down on those endangering themselves and others in particular those who are operating under the influence of intoxicants."

\$22.7 Million Budget For Harbor Approved

A \$22,689,593 budget for operation and further development of the Port of Los Angeles during fiscal 1969-70 has been approved today by the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners. The budget will be financed entirely by Harbor revenues and construction bond fund income.

Estimated gross receipts from operations of the municipally-owned Port are \$13,795,000, according to Harbor Commission President Dr. Robert Fenton Craig.

Receipts are expected to come from the following major sources:

Shipping services, \$8,036,000; land, building and warf rentals, \$4,244,000; oil royalties, warehouses, terminal railways and concessions, \$554,000; and no-revenue reimbursements (sale of materials and services, deposits and miscellaneous non-operating revenue, etc.), \$961,000.

Funds remaining from the current year and the revenue bond sale of 1965 totaling \$8,894,593, added to the above receipts, give the total budget figure, Craig said.

Principal expenditures listed in the new budget are capital improvements, including construction bond fund projects, \$9,455,460; salaries, \$6,018,901; bond redemption and interest, \$2,451,201; materials, supplies, services, and equipment, \$3,110,683; retirement contribution, \$403,348; and the unappropriated balance, \$1,250,000.

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The camp will start July 7 and continue for six weeks. A fee will be charged to cover the cost of an overnight camp trip.

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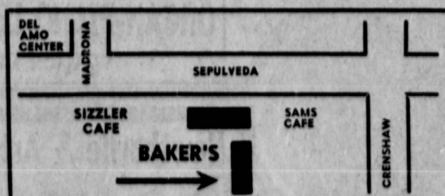
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