

# **Hazards to Navigation**

**November 19, 2010**

## **LNM Proposals to Discontinue Buoys**

I just read in the recent LNM that The U.S. Coast Guard will be discontinuing (as in taking it away for good) the Palos Verdes Point LBB 10PV. I spoke with LT Melissa Smith of the Coast Guard and confirmed that this buoy is going away permanently. Originally slated for 12/6, she indicated that has been pushed to be removed either January or February 2011.

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**May 24, 2010**

## **King Harbor Yacht Club Dock Area**

Notice to visitors using the KHYC Docks just outside the launch area docks over by the breakwater, there are some big boulders and shoaling over on that side of the dock.

**January 30, 2010**

## **Marina del Ray Navigation Hazard**

In the middle of the channel between the North Jetty and the Breakwater, about 25 feet from the Jetty there is a new unmarked shoal. Looking at the water, you can't see the difference in the depth. The recent storms have washed the sand from Venice Beach, along the Jetty and it has settled at the MDR North entrance. In a matter of 10 days, the depth at the North entrance has gone from about 18-20 feet to about 16 inches or less at medium to low tide. At high tide, you might be in 2-3 feet of water but no one is exactly sure because the sand keeps shifting. The Shoal is around 30+ feet in length from the Jetty toward the Breakwater at this time. Fortunately, it's soft sand but it's very dense.

No one is sure if the Shoal will continue to grow in length. L.A. County has failed to mark the area so it's an underwater hazard. Baywatch said the existing green channel markers can't be moved because the weights holding them in place are buried deep in the sand and can't be lifted. At the moment, the County doesn't have any other buoys that can be placed in the area. Baywatch & the Sheriff are anticipating major problems. They're suggesting if you depart via the North entrance try to hug the Breakwater and go slow. If not, use the South entrance but be careful and go slow.