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From: Bonnie <felas69@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Housing Advisory Commission
Cc: marinainbox; Richard Yannacone
Subject: Fw: FINAL NOTICE: Berkeley Marina Outdated/Inadequate Registration or Documentation

To Whom It May Concern:

We are hoping you can help us with a situation that will cause great grief to us if not resolved. All the information and verification is included in these email threads. But in a nutshell, Berkeley Marina is charging us \$75 per day because we are unable to provide proof of registration and boat stickers. We applied for and paid for our registration in March online (I have verification of this), but never received it. I took a half day of work to go to the DMV to straighten this out, thinking it was a problem with our change of address. We were told that we owed taxes that we had no knowledge of. We immediately researched what taxes these were, having never been notified of such taxes, and paid them. However, since there is a lien on our boat (again, we had no knowledge of this and never received notification of any of this), we are required to receive a form through the mail since the office responsible for this does not have office hours and only conducts business through the mail. We then must sign the form, send it back, and wait for the form to be processed. Again, all of this is documented in the attachments in the various threads.

This is a situation that we have ZERO control over. I am a teacher and my husband repairs appliances. There is no way we can cover the \$75/day fee for our home while waiting for the county offices to complete the required paperwork - we always live one or two steps away from being homeless and this could very well be the situation that causes our demise. I am reaching out in the hopes that you will advise the marina to provide an extension of this penalty given that we acted immediately upon receiving the letter from Berkeley Marina in March and are at the mercy of the tax office to lift the lien on our boat so that we may receive our registration. Again, all the proof and documentation is here. If you need further documentation, we are happy to provide whatever is necessary to show that we are in good faith doing our part to get the necessary documentation for Berkeley Marina.

I am hoping that this will be the last action we need to take in order to get more time for the government systems to do their part so we can resolve this. We have done everything we can to be positive and productive members of Berkeley Marina's liveaboard community including defusing our neighbors' rage and hostility when the marina was invaded by rats (you can also verify this with the city officials who were at the meeting with the residents). We are not residents who are trying to avoid providing the required documentation. However, we are prepared to seek this action on our behalf farther in order to preserve our home. Our request is not unreasonable and it is the right thing to do given that we have been working on resolving this since first receiving the notice from Berkeley Marina and the fact that we have documentation of all of our steps and the money paid throughout the process.

Thank you in advance for considering our request.

Truly,

Bonnie Niemann and Richard Yannacone
904-347-4767

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From: marinainbox <marinainbox@cityofberkeley.info>

To: Bonnie <felas69@yahoo.com>

Cc: Richard Yannacone <kwconch@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, May 2, 2022, 10:34:01 AM PDT

Subject: RE: FINAL NOTICE: Berkeley Marina Outdated/Inadequate Registration or Documentation

Hi Bonnie,

I understand where you are coming from and understand the situation, but am unable to give any extensions at this time. I do apologize for the inconvenience and hope this issue gets resolved soon.

Best Regards,

Eddie Mendoza
Office Specialist II
Berkeley Marina
City of Berkeley
201 University Ave.
Berkeley, CA. 94710
PH:(510) 981-6740 Fax: 510-981-6745
www.cityofberkeley.info/marina



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From: Bonnie <felas69@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 02, 2022 10:27 AM
To: marinainbox <marinainbox@cityofberkeley.info>

Cc: Richard Yannacone <kwconch@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: FINAL NOTICE: Berkeley Marina Outdated/Inadequate Registration or Documentation

This states, "MAY be subject to" without any specific information about how/from who/where/etc. - we were never provided with any advisory or notice that we WOULD be expected to pay taxes and to where. I can provide bank proof that I applied for a duplicate registration in March after receiving your notification of registration requirement and remembering that I had never received it when I originally paid for it online back in August. Again, the hold up was due to the situation with the taxes of which we were never notified - we were thinking it was due to confusion with our DMV change of address when we moved to live-aboard status.

It really is only reasonable to allow us to get this confusing (and expensive) situation cleared up without the added penalty of \$75. We can't afford this and frankly, given our explanation and all of the documentation we have to verify the situation that we are currently in the middle of clarifying, isn't really in the spirit of assistance. Again, we would be grateful if you could find it in your heart to allow us to complete the tax process (which then will allow us to get our registration which was paid for long ago). Now that we know how the process works, there won't be a delay in the future going forward.

Truly,

Bonnie Niemann

On Monday, May 2, 2022, 10:18:58 AM PDT, marinainbox <marinainbox@cityofberkeley.info> wrote:

Hi Bonnie,

Once you have received the registration, please forward it over so that we can update your account, but unfortunately we can not extend a deadline that has been issued since early March. Information regarding tax was passed along at the beginning of the contract. See below.



PERMIT TO BERTH VESSEL

Upon execution hereof by the City of Berkeley, permission is hereby granted, _____
vessel described below in the Berkeley Marina Berth No. _____ commencing _____

- The Marina reserves the right to use all or any part of the facilities for operations incidental to the effluents provided that such use shall not unreasonably interfere with the use and enjoyment of the permittee and the peace and safety of the Marina.
- Notice is hereby given pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code Section 107.6 and permittee hereby granted may create a possessory interest in the permittee subject to property taxation, and permittee property taxes levied on such interest.

Best Regards,

Eddie Mendoza
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From: Bonnie <felas69@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 12:49 PM
To: marinainbox <marinainbox@cityofberkeley.info>; marinainbox <marinainbox@cityofberkeley.info>
Cc: Richard Yannacone <kwconch@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fw: FINAL NOTICE: Berkeley Marina Outdated/Inadequate Registration or Documentation

WARNING: This is not a City of Berkeley email. Do not click links or attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

We are hoping you will give us an extension on providing the registration and documentation for our boat berthed at Dock C-41 for the following reasons: We were never notified that Berkeley requires boat and berth taxes. We paid for and have been waiting for the registration for over a month and thought it was a problem with our address at the DMV. I took a half day off of work to go to the DMV in person when they informed us that Berkeley has these taxes - although they accepted the fee for the registration on line, they never notified us that we would not receive the registration until these taxes (again, unbeknownst to us) were paid.

Further, since we were unaware of the Berkeley taxes, we were also behind on last year's tax fees. A lien was placed on our boat that resulted in us not being able to get our DMV registration renewed. So the back taxes have been paid at this point. But the system requires us to receive confirmation by mail - there are no office hours where we can clear this up in person; it has to be mailed to us, then signed and mailed back. We are now waiting for the document in the mail. This is taking considerable time!

Here are our receipts for payment as well as verification that we have been to the DMV working on getting this cleared.

Again, we would be grateful if you would grant an extension of the deadline without penalty as we have been and continue to complete the many steps to get the registration and documentation to you. Please see below:

Truly,

Bonnie Niemann and Richard Yannacone

904-347-4767

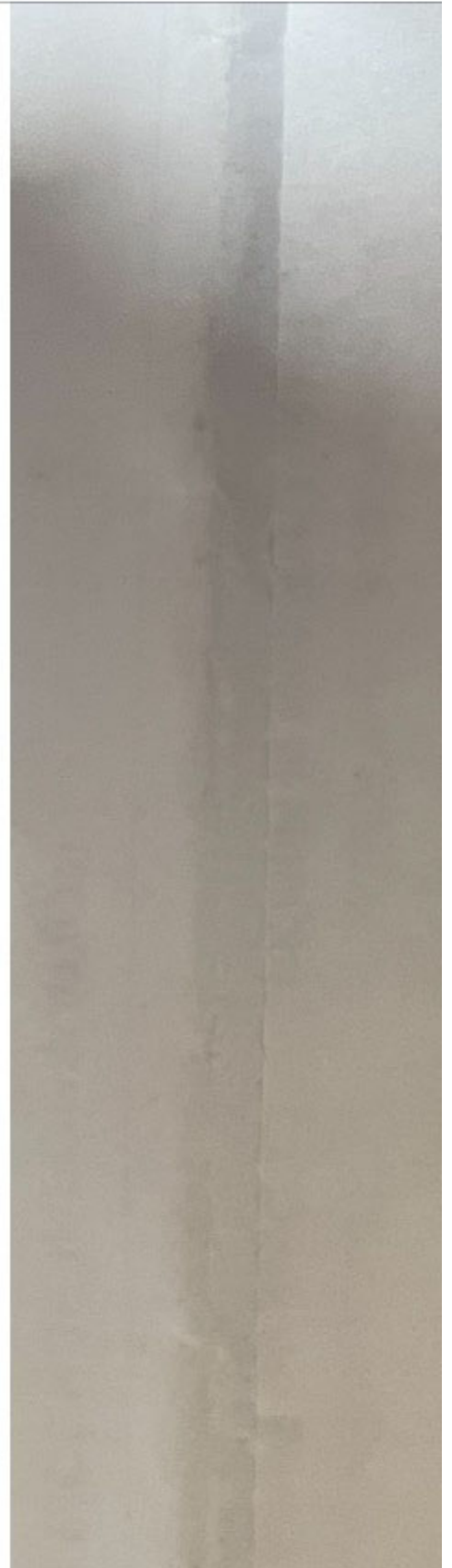
415-745-0091

DMV, PO BOX 942869, SACRAMENTO, CA
NON-OPERATION (PNO) REQUESTS MUST BE
HIGHWAY VEHICLES) OR ALL FEES AND
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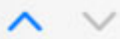


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Self Service Tax Pay...



Dear Richard James Yannacone,

Thank you for your online Property Tax Payment to Alameda County. Below is a summary of your transaction.

Transaction#: [2269970](#)

Date: 4/30/2022

Payment: \$240.21

Fees: \$6.00

Total Payment \$246.21

Payment Option Details: Credit Card

Type: MAST

Cardholder Info: Richard yannacone

Transaction Details:

Account#

30-394509-00-001-20-00-00

Installment: \$240.21

If you believe this transaction is in error, please contact your credit card company immediately

If you have a lien and/or boat hold, you can request immediate release. Please contact



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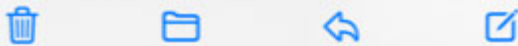
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Date: 4/28/2022
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Total Payment \$222.32

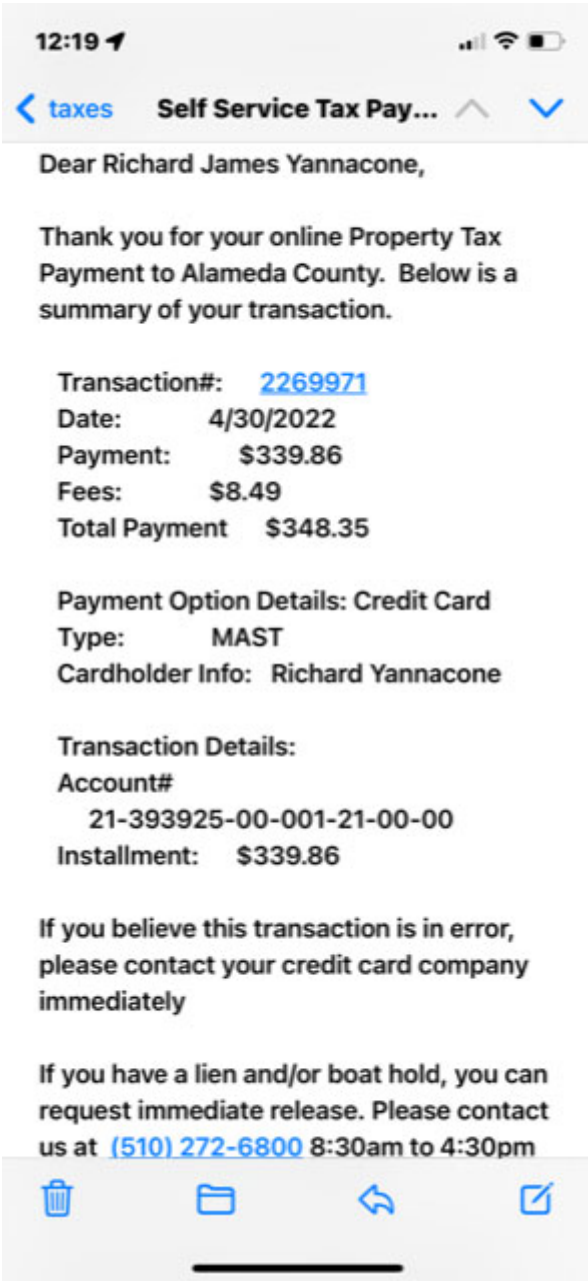
Payment Option Details: Credit Card
Type: AMEX
Cardholder Info: Richard yannacone

Transaction Details:
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Installment: \$216.90

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From: Richard Yannacone <kwconch@yahoo.com>

To: Bonnie Niemann <felas69@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2022, 02:05:41 PM PDT

Subject: Fwd: FINAL NOTICE: Berkeley Marina Outdated/Inadequate Registration or Documentation

Sent from a payphone at a greyhound bus station

Begin forwarded message:

From: marinainbox <marinainbox@cityofberkeley.info>
Date: April 28, 2022 at 2:00:19 PM PDT
To: marinainbox <marinainbox@cityofberkeley.info>
Subject: FINAL NOTICE: Berkeley Marina Outdated/Inadequate Registration or Documentation

Dear Slipholder,

We will be assessing a \$75 fee for inadequate/outdated registration/documentation not received by **May 1st**. We have emailed this request on March 4th and March 31st, mailed on March 8th, and made phone calls in mid-April. Please email, fax, or stop by the office with this paperwork to avoid the fee. The Marina Office is open Monday – Saturday 8am-4pm.

Thanks,

Angie Nelson

City of Berkeley Marina

201 University Ave.

Berkeley, CA 94710

510-981-6740

https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Marina_Home/



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**JOIN A COMMUNITY ZOOM MEETING
TO LEARN ABOUT, AND INFORM,
CITY OF BERKELEY
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA)
FUNDING AND SERVICES!**

MHSA LEGISLATION PLACES A 1% TAX ON PERSONAL INCOMES ABOVE \$1 MILLION DOLLARS. FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO MENTAL HEALTH JURISDICTIONS BASED ON THE POPULATION IN A GIVEN AREA. ANNUAL FUNDING IS LOCALLY PROVIDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

COMMUNITY SERVICES & SUPPORTS (CSS): PROVIDES TREATMENT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL ADULTS AND SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN.

PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION (PEI): FOR STRATEGIES TO RECOGNIZE EARLY SIGNS OF MENTAL ILLNESS; TO IMPROVE EARLY ACCESS TO SERVICES AND PROGRAMS; AND TO PREVENT MENTAL ILLNESS FROM BECOMING SEVERE AND DISABLING.

INNOVATIONS (INN): FOR SHORT-TERM PILOT PROJECTS TO INCREASE NEW LEARNING IN THE MENTAL HEALTH FIELD.

MEETINGS ARE BEING CONDUCTED TO ELICIT COMMUNITY INPUT ON THE PROPOSED MHSA FY22/23 ANNUAL UPDATE FUNDS, AND ON NEW IDEAS AND STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS IN BERKELEY.



Meeting Dates/Information:

Thursday May 5: 11:00am -12:30pm

Tuesday, May 10: 1:00pm-2:30pm

Wednesday, May 11: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Thursday, May 12: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Monday, May 16: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Join Zoom Meetings at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8446733966?pwd=OGp3Tm5LQTc5TGdhb2tYWlIKcDVhdz09>

Or call into Zoom Meetings:

1 (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 844-673-3966

Password: 081337

*If you are calling into the meeting and would like a copy of the PowerPoint Presentation that will be shown, please contact Karen Klatt.



For more information contact:

Karen Klatt (510) 849 -7541

KKlatt@cityofberkeley.info

**To request a disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Disability Services Specialist at 981-6418 (V) or 981-6347 (TDD) at least three business days before the meeting date.