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King Harbor Boaters,

As the winter season continues, we anticipate the development of significant storm activity with El Nino ocean conditions. To help prepare our community for potential high surf and winds, we recommend all boaters to take some steps to make our harbor as resilient as possible. These actions focus on three areas: staying informed, preparing for storm activity, and reporting impacts quickly.

**Staying Informed**
- Monitor weather conditions.
- Be familiar with how to use a VHF radio for hailing and distress.
- To register for alerts, subscribe to Alerts South Bay by texting “ALERTSB” to 888-777. This will be the best way to be notified about storm-related City actions.
- Follow the Redondo Beach Fire Department on Instagram for storm preparation tips.

**Preparing for a Storm**
- Check all bilge pumps for operation.
- Check batteries for charge and terminal conditions.
- Secure sails and lines for high winds.
- Inspect your dock lines and add a spring line or two.
- Add additional fenders or bumpers for storm chop.
- Batten down all hatches.
- Remove clutter on dock fingers that could be swept into the water during high winds.
- Check your vessel often during storms and immediately following.
- Secure all paddle craft and dinghies.

The City of Redondo Beach is prepared for significant storm activity. Storm response is tiered to address different levels of anticipated weather. All significant actions that impact King Harbor will be sent out as an Alert South Bay text message.

**Reporting Storm Impacts:**

Call 911 if lives are in danger.
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Call (310) 697-3629 to report damage to property, docks, or sinking vessels to the Redondo Beach Harbor Patrol. Harbor Patrol is available 24/7 and will have additional staffing during storms. If your call is unanswered, contact Redondo Beach Dispatch on the non-emergency line at (310) 379-5411.

Additional contact information:
King Harbor Marina (310) 376-6926
Portofino Marina (310) 379-8481
Port Royal Marina (310) 376-0431

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