



LA Regional Water Quality Control Board

Why does this Board -- one of 6 with some jurisdiction over MDR -- appear hell-bent on destroying the MDR boating industry and related service businesses and jobs and housing that enable Marina Del Rey to thrive?

MDR was created and developed as the then largest man-made small craft harbor in the United States. Boaters are the heart of this wonderful place--unique destination in LA's west side: marinas, sailing clubs, boatyards, divers, marine and yachting industry, and all the other service related businesses and JOBS including restaurants and shops and high-end apartments, condos, homes...

Recent negative ONEROUS 'decision' by a few ill-informed must be reconsidered and reversed: No effective substitute for COPPER-based hull paint exists.

Requiring the thousands of pleasure boats moored in MDR to be stripped and be repainted with a product that does not control weed and other yukky growth is ridiculous. (Look at a fender tied so part is in MDR water for a week (or a month); that nasty ugly mess is what our beautiful boat hulls will look like... Try cruising after work like that or racing in a regatta with such a disadvantage/drag....)

This copper-related regulation asserts force and improper bureaucratic power and control over thousands of boaters and other citizens who make their livelihood here in MDR. The decision is based on someone's non real world wishful notion. It is not based on solid science, nor on the absent reality of effective non copper-based substitutes. Banning copper from MDR waters (except huge container ships and storm water runoff and key sources of pollution) will be a disaster of major magnitude!

The Board says 12 parts per BILLION is toxic and unacceptable.

Other professionals and experts should be consulted, given such dramatic effects of this regulation--objective, scientific, rational individuals and task force teams.

As a PHYSICIAN with a chemistry background from Princeton University, I know that COPPER is necessary for human metabolism. Diseases are in fact associated with copper deficiency...

The copper level circulating in human blood is many many times the Board's reported finding of 12 parts per Billion! (Memory tells me it is 1,000 times as high...)

If you force this eliminate copper requirement on the entire boating community of MDR, many will leave, large and small vessels -- with a resulting massive decrease in jobs and local tax base that is supported by many businesses and luxury apartments and condominiums, restaurants, yacht/sailing clubs... Many will suffer as unintentional effect of this onerous assertion of power by a few....

We'd appreciate confirmation that this message was received and reviewed.

Sincerely,

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Sailboat Owners

40 ft we keep lovingly in bristol condition as if she were still just commissioned  
(with help of top notch divers, cleaners, sailmakers, boatyard...)