

## **Coyote Point Marina**

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## **Weekend Destinations**

The weather has been so wonderful this winter that many Marina tenants have been taking short trips around the Bay, yours truly included. My wife Catherine and I have had several recent adventures including overnight stays at Clipper Cove on Treasure Island, Ayala Cove on Angel Island, and South Beach Harbor in San Francisco.

Clipper Cove is a great place for a quick overnight trip. It's only fourteen nautical miles from Coyote Point, so even those of us with slow boats can get there in less than a half day. There is a shoal at the entrance to Clipper Cove, and it's better not to enter or exit at low tide. Hug the north side of the entrance near the barges and sailing school. Once your are well into the cove the water deepens up and provides an excellent anchorage. We arrived in the early afternoon, and later in the day a boatload of friends rafted alongside. We enjoyed a dinghy ride to the beach, built sand castles and relaxed for the afternoon before returning to the boat for a BBO dinner. The nighttime view of the new Bay Bridge eastern span is breathtaking. The next morning we took short walk to the Mersea restaurant, which serves up great cold drinks and a nice lunch.

Ayala Cove is a perenial favorite of Bay Area Boaters, and is one of the best (and most popular) cruising destinations on the Bay. You may tie up in daylight hours to the dock and enjoy great hiking on the island. There is a wonderful museum at the old immigration station, and the waterfront café is now once again open. In the evening the dock closes but the mooring balls make for a secure anchorage. As we enjoyed sunset cocktails on the afterdeck, we were thrilled to observe a lone coyote walk along the beach just yards away. The next morning I had a conversation with a Park Ranger ashore, and learned that a pair of Coyotes swam across Raccoon Strait in 2017, took up residence and started a family. There are now 4 coyotes on Angel Island, and they dine a fine array of gourmet rodents to keep them fat and happy.

The next day we headed over to South Beach Harbor (Pier 40). Some other friends met us there, and we enjoyed a great dinner at a nearby restaurant and a show in The City. South Beach Harbor is close to the Giant's

stadium, the new Warriors' Arena, and of course numerous bars, cafés and restaurants. They have ample guest slips available – just call in advance and reserve one. South Beach Yacht Club has a nice facility and is always happy to welcome Coyote Point Yacht Club members.

We are truly lucky to have so many fine destinations close by, and I want to encourage those of you who seldom venture outside of the harbor to gather friends and/or family, cast off those dock lines and get out on the water for some of the best short cruises anywhere!

- Mark Bettis, Harbormaster

## **Saving Trees**

Starting in April we will no longer mail monthly billing statements unless you request that we do so. Statements will go out via email on or around the first of the month. The newsletter will also be published electronically via email and published on our web site, but will no longer be mailed out. If you wish to continue to receive a paper statement please contact the office and let us know.



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– Irish sailor Tommy Moran.



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