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Fuel Dock // 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Boat Rentals // 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
7 DAYS A WEEK

Tahoe Basin Snowpack

After the snowiest March in 27 years, lake levels are almost at capacity heading into summer. Snowpack data was measured at Mt. Rose on April 2nd and showed 101 measured inches of snow depth and 34.2 inches of water content, which is 93 percent of the median amount.

On March 1, the snowpack at Mt. Rose was only 48 percent of the median pack. Even with the astounding increases in March, snowpacks across the Tahoe region and across Nevada still are slightly below average. However, due to last year's large snowpack, reservoirs remained fairly full, putting area lakes and reservoirs in great shape for this summer.

Rafting on the Truckee River is also looking promising for the coming summer. Local rafting companies are hoping for a full season from the end of June through Labor Day.



A HIGHLIGHT OF

Upcoming community events

Tahoe City Farmers Market

Thursday, May 24 | 8:00 am-1:00 pm

Every Thursday until Oct. 11, 2018 | Commons Beach

Tahoe City Clean Up Day

Saturday, June 2 | 8:30 am-12:00 pm

Tahoe City Food & Wine Classic

Saturday, June 16 | 1:00 pm-5:00 pm | Downtown Tahoe City

Concerts at Commons Beach

Sunday, June 17 | 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

Every Sunday until September 2, 2018 | Commons Beach

Tahoe City 4th of July Fireworks Show

Wednesday, July 4 | Dusk at Commons Beach

Harmful Algal Bloom In Lake Tahoe

An increasing problem in inland California waters is harmful algal bloom (HAB). Last August, there was a bloom in the South Lake Tahoe area, prompting caution signs to be posted in certain areas of the Tahoe Keys Channels. These events can cause human and animal illnesses from exposure to Cyanobacteria. Symptoms in humans may include skin rash, eye irritation, vomiting and diarrhea. In animals, most notably dogs, symptoms can include diarrhea, vomiting, convulsions, and in severe cases, death. Blooms usually occur during the summer and fall; however, they can occur anytime during the year.

Increase in HABs are related to increasing

water temperatures, high nutrient concentration inputs, and drought conditions leading to less water and low flow levels. When a bloom occurs, you may see scum floating on the water's surface, varying in color from green or blue to red or brown.

When blooms are taking place, staying out of affected waters is the best way to protect yourself and your pets from the harmful effects of Cyanobacteria toxins. The California Water Board is launching new programs to spread awareness and refine the reporting and response process. For more information, visit <http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html>

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Winter suspension of two area long term projects has ended and work is resuming in both the North and South shore of Lake Tahoe. Impacting Tahoe City is the \$35 million project to build a new Truckee River bridge east of the Caltrans Maintenance Yard with roundabouts on either end of the realignment, replacement

of the existing Truckee River (Fanny) Bridge, construction of a roundabout at the "Wye" intersection and street enhancements to the portion of State Route 89/West Lake Boulevard. Completion is expected in fall of 2018. In South Lake Tahoe, continuation of a \$57 million project from the "Y" intersection with State

Route 89 to the Trout Creek Bridge in South Lake Tahoe will resume. This project includes building new drainage systems to collect and treat stormwater runoff, rebuilding curb, gutter and sidewalks, widening the highway to allow for bike lanes and resurfacing the roadway. Completion is expected in fall of 2019.



Tahoe City Marina - circa 1910.
Courtesy of North Lake Tahoe Historical Society

MARINA FACTS

Did you know that Tahoe City Marina is one of the oldest marinas on Lake Tahoe? Built in the 1940s the harbor and the Tahoe City Marina Mall (historically known as the "Roundhouse") was the northern "end of the line" for Lake Tahoe's Railway and Transportation Company. The Lake Tahoe Railway and Transportation Company was a 16-mile, 3-foot narrow gauge railroad that ran from a connection with the Central Pacific Railway at Truckee to the waterfront at Lake Tahoe.

The railroad was converted to 4-foot, 8.5-inch standard gauge in 1926. The railroad operated its own property from 1899 until 1925, at which time it was leased to the Southern Pacific Company, which bought the property outright in 1933. The railway was a major method of transportation for boats, supplies and people between Truckee and Tahoe City. Southern Pacific abandoned the line in 1943.

REMINDER: Mandatory Boater Licensure

California's new boat operator licensure program has commenced. This year, anyone 20 years old and younger must possess a California Boater Card in order to operate a boat. Eventually, all drivers of vessels propelled by an engine, regardless of whether the engine is the principal source of propulsion, will be required to carry a California Boater Card as proof that they have taken and passed a state approved boater safety examination.

Approved examinations are available online and cost approximately \$30. There is a one-time card application fee of \$10; once issued, the card remains valid for a boat operator's lifetime and there is no renewal required. This program has been implemented to promote boating safety education and awareness in California. Many other states have already put boating licensure into practice.

You can read about the program, find online courses and apply for your California Boater Card at www.CaliforniaBoaterCard.com. Check with your boat insurance as some companies will be offering a discount to those who have acquired their California Boater Card.

LAKE LEVELS

Readings taken on Friday, May 18, 2018

Lake Tahoe Natural rim 6,223'

ELEVATION: 6,228.85' | IN 2017: 6,228.10



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