

Dillon Beachcomber
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Oceana Marin Association'

“Don’t wait for a light to appear at the end of the tunnel. Stride down there—and light the bloody thing yourself.” Sara Henderson

OMA Board Members, new and returning volunteers are **Amanda Graves, Luanne Melden and Steve Rose**; hopefully you got to meet them at the Member Meeting in January. Amanda was on the board a previously, is a full time resident & mom, married to Tim, one of the Tomales Volunteer firefighters. She is filling the term vacated by long-time (and treasured!) treasurer Bob Bell, which runs through 2017. Elected by acclimation to 2-year terms, Luanne Welden and her husband Ted owned a lot on Maui Ln, but sold it last fall and moved to a finished house. They are retired and full time residents, busy with several volunteer organizations. Steve Rose and his wife Colleen are part time residents of Kailua Way for years, having recently closed The Vineyard Inn where Steve was chef; they continue to run an organic farm in Kenwood, but are planning to spend more time in Dillon Beach. **Dennis Rothhaar** volunteered to serve another term and is Board President. Many thanks to all the board members! There is still one vacant position available on the board for a full time resident. Contact Sharp Property Services* if you would like to participate, or for more information.

In other **Board News**, the monthly Board meeting has moved to the **second Saturday**, held at 576 Oceana Dr. accessed by the second stairway near the garage. All members are welcome, encouraged to attend, and participate. Agendas are posted at the PO and on the OMA website the week prior to the meeting. If you wish to speak about a specific issue or agenda item, you will have an opportunity during the meeting, or simply come to observe how your Board works on behalf of the OMA membership. Please park on the street, and notify the Board if stairs are difficult for you.

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**Camp Chance, “Cops and Kids Together”** in partnership with the City of San Rafael Police Department, the Marin County Sheriff's office, Marin County Firefighters, and CHP holds a week long camp at Walker Creek for at risk teenagers from all areas of the county, including participants from Tomales High. Last year was #17, hosting 68 campers and 7 alumni counselors-in-training. The \$800 per camper cost is covered by donations from individuals, businesses and foundations, and no kid who wants to attend is turned away. The kids (and cops!) have a blast with traditional camp activities; demonstrations by SWAT Teams, Firefighters, K9 units, the CHP Search and Rescue team keep kids busy and interacting with a variety of public service people. There are workshops on Life Skills Basics, and of course, a beach day. **“Mama Bear” Rebecca Kuga**, part time Dillon Beach resident and member of the San Rafael Police Department starts working on the next Camp the minute the last campers leave in July. If you would like more information on this life-changing event, or to make a tax deductible donation, go to [CampChanceConnect.org](http://CampChanceConnect.org) or [545@srpd.org](mailto:545@srpd.org).

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Luci is a nifty solar powered, inflatable light about the size of a can of soup when inflated, collapses to a scant inch high, weighs 2.4 ounces, and would make a wonderful addition to emergency or travel kits. They are also waterproof! Once charged, it holds power for months, different models cost \$15-\$20 at REI, Amazon and Mpowered. They are also sold in handy multi-packs.

Seals & Sea Lions on Dillon Beach? Call **The Marine Mammal Center 415 289-7325 (SEAL)** they will answer 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There were 14 reported on our beach in 2016, 8 rescued, 6 returned to the ocean. In 2015 there were 3, and 2 in 2014. The Marine Mammal Center is a nonprofit that rescues and cares for sick marine mammals from much of the California coastline and cares for/treats rescues by veterinarians. Volunteers also care for them until they can return safely to the ocean; nearly 900 animals overall in 2016, partly due to warming ocean temperatures. Trained volunteers, Ted and Luanne Melden live full time in Dillon Beach, which has greatly reduced response time when an animal is reported. The beach & store, also Lawson's Landing have their cell numbers, and they can usually be on the scene in minutes. The Center is the world's largest marine mammal rehabilitation hospital of its kind, focused on scientific research and education, relying mainly on donations from the public. They are open to visitors 7 days a week, 10am – 4pm, and love sharing their knowledge with researchers, visitors and students. MarineMammalCenter.org has lots more details. **Never approach any marine mammal!** They are fragile and can bite. It is a crime to annoy or harass them in any way; keep dogs and children well away from any you see on the beach, keep a safe distance and notify the Marine Mammal Center as soon as possible.

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Lots of **building activity** lately in OMA, with winter repairs, new decks, siding, paint, roofs, all the sexy stuff we like to talk about at parties. Watch out for contractors, material deliveries, and equipment moving around, especially as the vacation rental season ramps up with visitors who may not always be as alert as residents to these things. If you have projects coming up, be sure to look at the Design Review Guidelines, send appropriate application form and any required deposit to Sharp Property Services.\* All are available online at [oceanamarin.org](http://oceanamarin.org) or [oceanamarin.com](http://oceanamarin.com). If you have questions about the forms or deposits ask Sharp Property Services to put you in touch with DRC. Small repairs are generally exempt, but check anyway to be sure before starting your job.

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Changes, always changes- Long time residents and active community volunteers **Norm Main** and **Luana Pinasco** are selling their home and have moved to Santa Rosa. They are deeply missed by their fellow volunteers at the Tomales Pantry, and most especially for their leadership and hard work on behalf of OMA members with the Board and various Committees'. We can only wish them well in this next chapter of their lives, but also hope they stay in touch and visit us now and then.

She fought the good fight against an incurable disease for six months, but Dillon Beach lost 28-year resident **Stella Logan**, alternatively referred to as The Queen of Dillon Beach, or the Mayor. She was friend to legions, loved people freely and generously, shared her amazing laugh and bountiful hospitality in her quirky house at the top of the hill. Stella and her little dog **Sam** were familiar fixtures on the beach every day, so it was a beautiful and loving sendoff held by her family on a cloudy day in Sept., which included readings of her poetry musing on the joys of having her feet in the sand, waking up every day in paradise, and the nature of love. (Sam was adopted by her dear lifetime friends in Novato, and lives a happy, pampered life)

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