

## Algae Updates:

12/31/2020: The Bel Marin Keys Community Services District (BMKCSD) is continuing to monitor the algae which has been present in the North and South lagoons for just over a month now. At first the algae was red-colored and has since turned to a shade of green. See photos below for reference. Although the exact species of the algae has yet to be determined, we have been informed by testing laboratories and industry experts that there is a low likelihood that the observed algae is of the toxin producing species. While we continue to monitor and consult with the experts we wanted to provide an update to the restrictions and recommendations which were previously noticed to residents in the December 09, 2020 hand delivered flyer and the December 18, 2020 update on the BMKCSD website and the October-December 2020 Newsletter.

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE BMKCSD RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING:**

- Refrain from physical contact with lagoon water in which the algae is observed including swimming and pets;
- Do not eat any fish or shellfish from the lagoons;
- If a strong odor is noticed near the lagoons residents should limit their exposure to the air;
- Do not attempt to remove or bring any of the algae ashore;
- In rare instances waterfowl who may eat affected fish or shellfish may act erratically and should be avoided;

Unless the BMKCSD receives more information escalating the concern of the algae, the following is now permitted:

- All boat ramps and navigational locks are open to resident use without restriction;
- Motorized and non-motorized watercraft are allowed to transit between the lagoons and Novato Creek;

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please email the BMKCSD office at [admin@bmkcsd.us](mailto:admin@bmkcsd.us) or you may leave a message on the District voicemail at 415-883-4222. Additional information will be posted on the District website ([www.bmkcsd.us](http://www.bmkcsd.us)) as it is received and as warranted through written notices to residents. We thank you for your cooperation.



Algae coloration example (North Lagoon)

Algae coloration from drone footage (South Lagoon)

