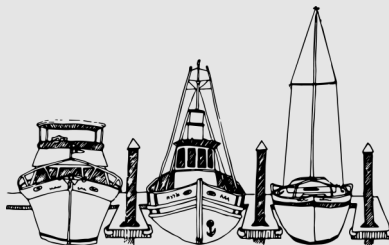


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HARBOR NEWS

SANTA CRUZ SMALL CRAFT HARBOR

SPRING 2024

Celebrating 60 years of the Santa Cruz Harbor

Since its dedication on April 18, 1964, the Santa Cruz Harbor has been a cornerstone of the Santa Cruz community, offering a wide range of commercial and recreational marine-related activities for residents and visitors alike. Guided by the mission of the Santa Cruz Port Commission, the harbor has remained a vibrant and financially sustainable entity, providing a wide array of boating and marine related opportunities for the public.

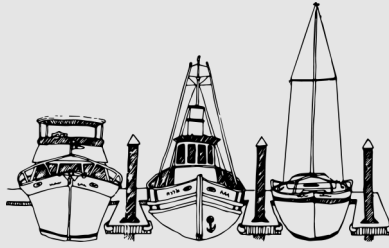
As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to browse the Port District's [archive](#) and celebrate the collective efforts that have shaped the Santa Cruz Harbor into the valuable marine asset it is today. Here's to 60 years!

"...And thus it goes. Our harbor is a living thing as vital as the air we breathe and as eternal as the tides and winds which are a part of us."

~ ED LARSON

Aviator, Artist, Author, and Beloved Friend of the Harbor





2023 FISHERIES DISASTER DECLARATION

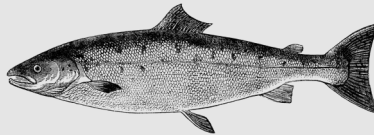
On February 1, 2024, the Secretary of Commerce announced the allocation of \$20.6 million for the fishery resource disaster that occurred in the 2023 Sacramento River Fall Chinook fishery. The State of California and the Pacific Fisheries Management Council will have until June 1, 2024, to submit a spend plan to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA Fisheries) before funds are released to those affected by the 2023 salmon fishery closure.

USACE LTC SHEBESTA SITE VISIT

On Wednesday, March 27, 2024, LTC Timothy Shebesta of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) toured the harbor and reviewed the District's dredge operation. Chair Reed, Commissioner Goddard, and staff led an informative visit, which highlighted the successful partnership that exists between the Port District and the Corps.

2024 SALMON SEASON UPDATE

On April 11, 2024, the Pacific Fisheries Management Council made the determination to close recreational and commercial ocean salmon fishing statewide in 2024. The action to close salmon fishing for a second straight year comes after the continuation of low stock abundance forecasts.



MILE BUOY SAVED FROM REMOVAL!

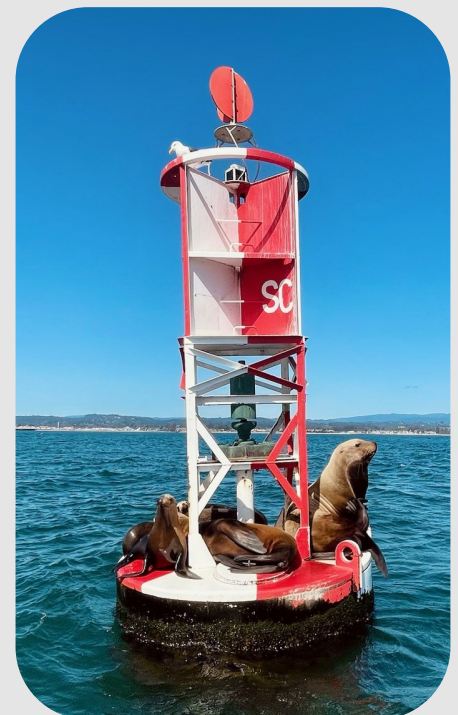
On Friday, March 29, 2024, the Coast Guard announced that the Santa Cruz Lighted Whistle Buoy, commonly known as Mile Buoy, will not be removed. The announcement came after overwhelming public support in favor of the buoy remaining in our local waters. The Coast Guard has indicated that every ten years, Aids to Navigation are evaluated for their utility, so it's another proposal for removal will occur in the future.

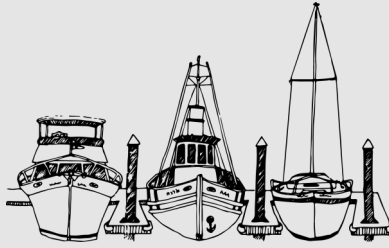
CONGRESSMAN PANETTA SITE VISIT

Congressman Panetta was onsite on February 23, 2024, to meet with staff and tour the harbor.

Congressman Panetta is familiar with the Port District's dredging operation and has been instrumental in coordinating congressional support for the District's annual dredge reimbursement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Port District is extremely appreciative of the ongoing support received from local and state legislators.





UPCOMING MEETINGS

Regular monthly Commission meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM. Items for the agenda must be submitted to the Port District by the Tuesday prior to the meeting date of each month.

Please join us in person or virtually! For more information visit our [website](#).

SPECIAL CLOSED MEETING:

April 23, 2024, 4:30 PM

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING:

April 23, 2024, 5:30 PM

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING:

May 28, 2024, 5:30 PM

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CLEANUP DAY

O'Neill Sea Odyssey will be hosting a Community Cleanup on May 11, 2024.

MEET: 616 Atlantic Avenue (near the entrance to the West Jetty Walkway)

TIME: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

[Click here](#) for more information on how to participate in an upcoming cleanup event.

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK - MAY 18-24, 2024

Join the Port District in promoting safe boating during National Safe Boating Week at the Santa Cruz Harbor launch ramp.

Stay tuned for more information!

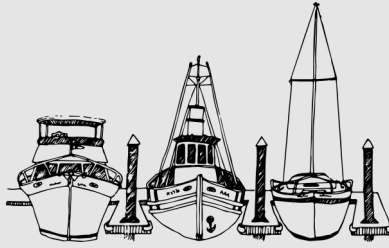
CONCESSION PARKING LOT TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Please be advised that the concession parking lot will be closed from Monday, April 22 to Friday, April 26, 2024.

The Port District recently awarded a contract to Granite Construction to facilitate much needed paving work in the concession parking lot. The concession parking lot and all access points will be closed for the duration of the project.

Free parking will be available for patrons in the launch ramp parking lot (adjacent to the concession parking lot). [Click here](#) for more information.

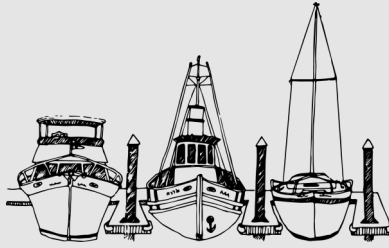




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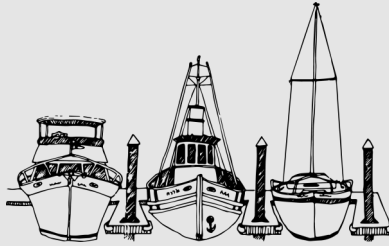
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ANCHORS AWEIGH!

KEVIN MELROSE

After 8 years with the Port District, Kevin Melrose, the District's Boatyard Supervisor set sail into retirement on March 31, 2024.

We extend our sincere appreciation for his contributions and wish him well in his endeavors.

Join us in congratulating Kevin on his well-deserved retirement!

BOATYARD SUPERVISOR

NICK HENNING

The Port District is pleased to announce that Nick Henning has been promoted to the position of Boatyard Supervisor.

Nick has worked at the boatyard since 2021, and has extensive experience hauling vessels and participating in the oversight of the day-to-day operations of the yard.

We look forward to having Nick in this supervisory position, so please join us in congratulating him on his recent promotion!

BOATYARD CREW

PETER REPLOGLE

The Port District would like to welcome Peter Replogle to the operations team as the new full-time Boatyard Crew member.

Peter has worked in the boating industry since 2015, and is a graduate of The Northwest School of Wooden Boat Building in Port Townsend, Washington. He also served eight years in the Army as an electronics technician.

Please join us in welcoming Peter to the team!

Santa Cruz Harbor **BOATYARD**



*The Santa Cruz Harbor Boatyard is gearing up for the busy season.
Be sure to schedule your haulout soon!*

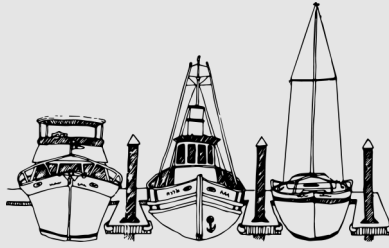
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MARINE FLARE DISPOSAL SURVEY

*Calling All Seafarers &
Coastal Guardians!*

Are you a boater, sailor, or ocean enthusiast in Santa Cruz County? Your input about Marine Flare use, and disposal is needed!

[TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!](#)



SELF-GUIDED TOUR STATIONS

Throughout the Santa Cruz Harbor there are interpretive panels which detail many facets of the harbor's eco-systems, economics, and history. These panels were created by Ed Larson decades ago and offer a colorful and informative way to learn about the environment and the role Santa Cruz Harbor plays in our community. Most panels are located at the water's edge and are easy to find by the bright yellow and blue metal signs with rounded tops which denote their location.



2023-24 DREDGE OPERATIONS

The 2023-24 dredge season has proven to be challenging. The crew has been working hard to combat rough weather, a large influx of sand, and several unanticipated equipment failures that have resulted in extended work stoppages.

The dredge crew has been working hard to address the entrance channel shoaling and has made significant progress deepening the center channel.

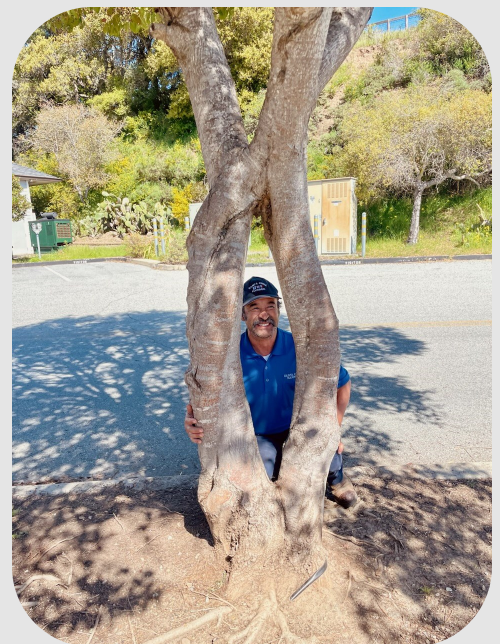
An extension to the dredge season through May 24, 2024, has been requested. Final approval from all regulatory agencies is pending.

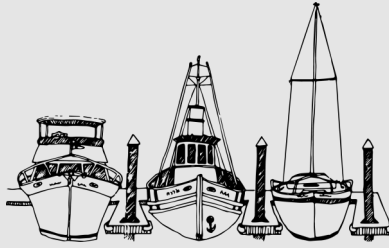


Cheers to 25 years!

Arturo Acevedo (left) and Jorge Lopez (right), recently celebrated their 25th anniversary of working for the Port District's Maintenance Department. Both starting in 1998, each have provided a tireless commitment to the Port District's grounds and infrastructures.

Thank you!





WATER TAXI OPERATION

The free inner-harbor water taxi is scheduled to begin operation over Memorial Day Weekend! Beginning Saturday, May 25, 2024, the water taxi will be operating on weekends and holidays from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. In addition to weekend service, the water taxi will operate on Thursday evenings during the Crow's Nest beach barbecues from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Passengers may be picked up and dropped off at the following locations:

- X1 Gate (northeast harbor)
- AA Dock (southwest harbor)
- Launch Ramp (southeast harbor)

AHOY!

TAKE A **FUN** RIDE
ON THE
FREE
INNER HARBOR
WATER TAXI

MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY

RULES FOR BOARDING

- * Please wait at gate.
- * Attendant will escort you aboard.
- * Children under 13 will be given and must wear a life jacket.
- * Maximum capacity: 20 persons.
- * Please remain seated during trip.

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SCAN ME

Water Taxi Boarding
May to September

Water Taxi Flag Stop
Hail taxi for a ride

*** X-1 Gate**
*** Launch Ramp**
*** AA Dock**

SATURDAY & SUNDAY: 11 AM – 6 PM (during summer weekends)
THURSDAY: 5 PM to 9 PM (during Crow's Nest Beach BBQs)