



Santa Cruz Port District Newsletter - January 2022

Senior Deputy Harbormaster John Haynes

The Port District is pleased to welcome back former District employee, John Haynes, as the new Senior Deputy Harbormaster. John previously worked for the Port District in various capacities from 2007 to 2013, and for the last six years has been serving as the Harbormaster in Monterey.

John is quickly reacquainting himself with the harbor's operation and we look forward to adding his experience and skill set back to the harbor patrol team.

In his position as Senior Deputy Harbormaster, John will provide valuable training and oversight to staff within the operations department and assist with training and implementation of the District's new patrol boat, which is scheduled to arrive later this month.

Welcome back, John!



2022 Waiting List Renewals

2022 waiting list renewal fees will appear on your January statement. To avoid late fees, payments must be received by February 20, 2022. A courtesy reminder will be sent to all individuals who have unpaid balances in mid-February.

If you have any questions regarding your placement on the waiting list, please contact the harbor office at (831) 475-6161.

For more information on waiting list procedures and registration visit the Port District's [website](#).

2022 Parking Permits

Slip renter parking stickers are available for pick up.

As a reminder, only the slip licensee of record may pick up the parking permits. Please bring personal photo identification and current vessel registration or documentation. As a note, current vessel insurance must be on file with the harbor office to receive parking stickers. The harbor office is open daily, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Parking permits for landside tenants are also available for pick-up.

Possessory Interest Tax

Each year, the Santa Cruz County Assessor's office charges possessory interest tax to vessels berthed in the Santa Cruz Harbor. The possessory interests are assessments made for the private use of otherwise nontaxable publicly owned property, including boat slips.

For more information, visit the Santa Cruz County Assessor's Office [website](#). Please direct any questions concerning your possessory interest assessment to the County Assessor's office at (831) 454-2002.

Harbor Office Space Available

497 Lake Avenue

Need office space? Here is a unique and meticulously maintained property located on the harbor's east side (adjacent to the boatyard). The office space features:

- 800 SF (\$3.50/SF)
- Month-to-Month Lease
- Prime Location
- Ample Parking
- Private Restroom
- 167 SF Storage Area
- Private Outdoor Space
- New Carpet, New Paint
- \$2,800/Month

Interested applicants must complete a rental application and submit it, along with any additional documentation that may be relevant to the selection process, on or before January 14, 2022.

The application is available on the Port District's [website](#).



COVID-19 Relief Funding

The Santa Cruz Port District is pleased to announce that it received \$71,364 in COVID-19 relief funding, which was made available to independent special districts through a \$100 million allocation provided for in the 2021-2022 State Budget.

This funding arrives after special districts across California experienced significant budgetary impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout 2020 and 2021, California's special districts provided essential services to their local communities and maintained a large portion of the state's critical infrastructure, but initially received none of the COVID-19 relief funding available to cities and counties.

The Port District would like to thank state and local representatives, including Governor Newsom, Senator Atkins, Speaker Rendon, Senator Laird, and Assembly Member Stone for their support of the \$100 million funding allocation. The Port District will utilize the funding to offset unanticipated costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

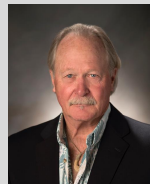
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2021-22 Dredge Operations

Federal Entrance Channel Dredging:

Despite the recent winter storms, the dredge crew continues to make steady progress deepening the federal entrance channel. The crew is currently digging along the eastern side and center channel, moving toward the mouth of the entrance.

As always, it is incumbent upon vessel skippers to be aware of, and assess depths in the entrance channel prior to transit. Skippers with deeper draft vessels need to be especially vigilant. Prior to transit, check tide and weather conditions, view the entrance sounding, and know what your vessel draws.

Entrance soundings will be updated bi-weekly and posted on the District's [website](#). During dredging operations, pass *Twin Lakes* on the east side (Crow's Nest side) of the channel unless otherwise marked. Stay at least 50' from the dredge. Contact the crew for passing instructions on VHF channel 8.



Pictured above, the District's dredge *Twin Lakes* at sunset on January 10, 2022.

Happy New Year!

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