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WAITING LIST RENEWAL

It is not too late to pay your 2015 waiting list renewal! Pay by **March 31, 2015**, to avoid being dropped from the list.

Payments can be made online using our <u>online bill</u> <u>pay</u> system.

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

LEUKEMIA CUP REGATTA

In conjunction with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Santa Cruz Yacht Club is set to host the first ever Leukemia Cup Regatta on the Monterey Bay on Sunday, May 3, 2015. Please feel free to pass the newsletter along to family and friends. Let them know that they can receive this newsletter by sending their email address to scpd@santacruzharbor.org or by contacting the harbor office at (831) 475-6161.

SAFE BOATING REGULATIONS

Spring weather is almost here, so here are some reminders to help everyone enjoy safe boating:

- Spinnakers may not be flown inside the harbor at any time.
- Be cautious navigating around the dredging equipment. Stay between channel markers and observe all navigational aids. If in doubt during dredging operations, contact *Seabright* on VHF Channel 8.
- If operating a vessel in the channel or in the harbor after sunset, spotlights must be turned off or shielded to avoid blind other skippers (HNC 6695(b))
- Paddlers are required to stay to the right side of the channel and move in a counter-clockwise direction in the harbor. No paddling is allowed in the launch ramp area, in other areas shown on the <u>HPW maps</u>, where signs are posted or in any fairways or slips (except by slip licensees coming/going from their slips). Boaters, please check for paddlers before entering the channel.

Contact the Harbor Patrol or stop by the harbor office with any questions or for additional information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RATE INCREASE

The Santa Cruz Port District Commission approved the FY16 budget at its public meeting on February 24, 2015. As part of the budget process, a 2.7% CPI increase was approved.

The increased rates will take effect April 1, 2015, and will be reflected on your April statement. Notices have been mailed to all slip licensees

To learn more about the fundraiser, or to register for the event, please visit the Santa Cruz Leukemia Cup Regatta's website. PORT COMMISSION MEETING **SCHEDULE** Port Commission MEETING SCHEDULE MARCH **Regular Public Session** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 7 PM APRIL Regular Public Session Tuesday, February 28, 2015 7PM CURRENT FUEL PRICING Gasoline: \$3.47 Diesel: \$3.43 Commercial: \$3.28 Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday: 8 - 4 Saturday - Sunday: 7 - 4 explaining the new rates.

The Port District's operating budget is described in detail in the FY 16 Budget Report, which is available for viewing on the harbor's <u>website</u>. Copies are available from the office upon request.

PARKING STICKER UPDATE

2015 parking stickers are not yet available for purchase. Harbor staff is still assessing parking demands and utilization and making some adjustments before additional stickers will be available. Our goal is to preserve parking for slip renters and business tenants, while accommodating the growing number of visitors to the harbor and nearby beaches.

As a reminder, Port District ordinances prohibit storage of vehicles at the harbor. Excess vehicles may be cited and/or towed.

TWIN LAKES BEACHFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The County of Santa Cruz is planning to start construction on the Twin Lakes Beachfront project this summer. The project will result in improved pedestrian and bike facilities, accessible paths to the beach, and better on-street organized parking. During construction, parking along East Cliff Drive will be unavailable or severely limited.

We anticipate greatly increased demand for parking in the harbor during and after construction. Your understanding and cooperation with harbor parking regulations will be appreciated.

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