



Santa Cruz Harbor
Public Information Statement
Storm Surge Event of December 23, 2024

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As a result of the significant surge event on Monday, December 23, 2024, recovery efforts within the harbor remain ongoing. This bulletin is presented as an update for slip licensees and harbor users who are interested in the ongoing recovery efforts. There are multiple repair and replacement projects currently underway, as well as significant planning, engineering, and financing efforts to address the damage caused by the surge event.

Dock Access

South Harbor: All south harbor docks are open and accessible. As a result of the surge event, the electrical transformer at F-Dock sustained significant water damage and remains inoperable. Without a serviceable transformer, power is unable to be restored. The Port District has contracted with an electrical firm to assist with resolving the issue. Crews have been working diligently to regain service, but the timeline for power restoration remains undetermined.

North Harbor: Power has been restored, and liveaboards may return to G (slips 30-81), H, I, J, U, V (*except for V5 & V55*), and W, as well as some northern and southern sections of X-1. Access to all other North Harbor docks is permitted during daylight hours. **G-Dock, X-2, and X-3 Docks remain closed.** Some power pedestals are bent but have been internally inspected and are serviceable. Damaged pedestals are scheduled for replacement in the coming weeks. Please use caution dockside.

Debris Removal

The Port District has contracted with Cushman Construction for salvage operations to remove portions of broken docks, pilings, vessels, and other submerged hazards. Cushman Construction is currently mobilizing equipment to the harbor.

North Harbor Docks

There are several areas in the north harbor in need of immediate repair or replacement, notably the damaged sections and missing slips on G-Dock and X-Docks. The Port District is currently evaluating and prioritizing engineering work to facilitate repair and replacement in these areas.

North Harbor Liveaboards

Temporary resources are available to registered liveaboards in need of short-term accommodations. Registered liveaboards may contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to learn more about temporary resources. The timeline for restoring power and water to all north harbor docks remains undetermined. Liveaboards should make arrangement for long-term accommodations, as a return to some dock areas is not imminent.

Coast Guard Auxiliary

The Port District would like to extend its gratitude to the Coast Guard Auxiliary for their dedicated support and assistance during this emergency response and recovery effort.