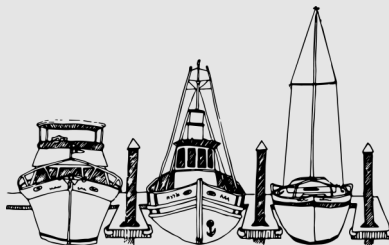


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HARBOR NEWS

STORM SURGE EVENT RECOVERY EFFORT

DECEMBER 31, 2024

TRANSITING THE HARBOR

The Port District recently contracted with the firm Woolpert to perform bathymetric mapping services of the harbor to assist in identifying any potential submerged debris or other underwater hazards. Preliminary survey data indicates that no hazards exist in the main channel at this time. The north and south harbor channels are open for all suitable vessel traffic, however mariners are advised to use caution when transiting these areas.

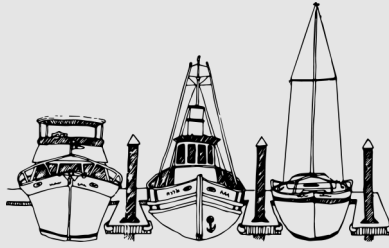


ENTRANCE CHANNEL

Controlling depth in the harbor entrance is 10' at MLLW. An updated sounding has been posted to the Port District's [website](#). The dredge crew is currently working to repair a jet pump issue and anticipates that dredging operations will resume on Monday, January 6, 2025.

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.

A big thank you to TowBoatUS for providing critical support and debris removal services during this disaster event.



STORM SURGE UPDATE

JANUARY SLIP RENT

We recognize that billing adjustments may be necessary for those slip licensees whose boats and/or slips were damaged as a result of the December 23, 2024, surge event. Staff is currently working to identify all impacted slip licensees and assess available options on a case-by-case basis. If you have questions regarding your January statement, please email scpd@santacruzharbor.org.



LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

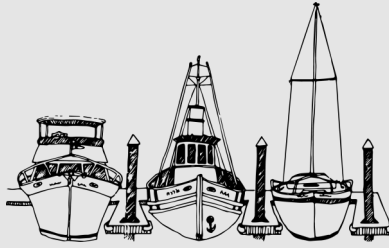
Congressman Panetta was onsite on December 24, 2024, and Assemblymember Gail Pellerin was onsite on December 27, 2024, to assess impacts associated with the surge event. The Port District is extremely appreciative of the support received from local and state legislators, including Senator John Laird, after this disaster event.



COAST GUARD AUXILIARY THANK YOU

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.





STORM SURGE UPDATE

DOCK ACCESS

All south harbor docks are open and accessible.

All north harbor docks are open and accessible, **with the exception of G-1 (south end).**

While power has been restored to north harbor docks and liveboards may return, water may not be available and hazards remain. Please use caution dockside.



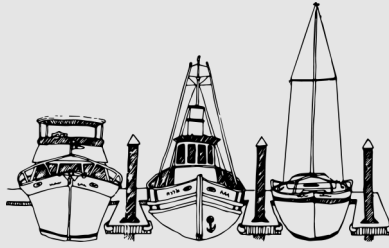
DOCK REPAIRS

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.

F-DOCK TRANSFORMER

As a result of water inundation, the electrical transformer at F-Dock sustained significant damage and remains inoperable. Without a serviceable transformer, power is unable to be restored. The Port District is currently working to resolve the issue and regain service, but the timeline for power restoration remains undetermined.

Staff is currently exploring the feasibility of deploying a portable generator to provide temporary power on a short-term, limited basis to recharge batteries.



NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS

The City of Santa Cruz has recently identified two significant hazards to navigation. Both objects are located between the Santa Cruz Wharf and the Santa Cruz Harbor. They will be marked with buoys by the end of this week to ensure safe navigation.

Location Details:

Object 1

Coordinates: 36°57'40.3816"N, 122°00'45.3932"W
Depth: Shoal depth 13 ft; surrounding seabed 15 ft
Dimensions: 8 ft x 4 ft x 2 ft

Object 2

Coordinates: 36°57'27.4112"N, 122°01'00.5848"W
Depth: Shoal depth 10 ft; surrounding seabed 26 ft
Dimensions: Multiple structures, maximum size 57 ft x 40 ft x 16 ft

Below is a map of the survey area, highlighting the locations of the identified objects.



REPORT SAFETY ISSUES

If you have a safety issue to report, please contact the harbor office by calling (831) 475-6161 during normal business hours.

VESSEL INSPECTIONS

The Port District recommends boat owners hire professional surveyors to inspect vessels for surge-related damage. Boat owners are advised to check their vessel, and secure / replace lines as needed.

SPILL MONITORING

In conjunction with the National Response Center, U.S. Coast Guard, and Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), the Port District continues to monitor the harbor for any potential discharges or spills and has appropriate mitigation measures in place. Currently, the U.S. Coast Guard and OSPR officers have not identified any active spills and/or discharges in the harbor.

