



Santa Cruz Port District Newsletter - October 2021

HARBOR NEWS

New Maintenance Workboat

The Port District's Facilities Department recently acquired a new workboat, which has been appropriately dubbed *Big Red*. This new workboat will replace the District's 1964 Boston Whaler, which has been in service at the harbor since 2006.

In preparation for splashing the new workboat, maintenance crews completed painting the hull, installing the motor, and outfitting the boat with other necessary equipment.

Big Red will help crews facilitate necessary maintenance and repairs of the District's waterside infrastructure for years to come!



Pictured above, Interim Port Director MacLaurie performing the christening ceremony prior to *Big Red* being splashed for the first time on September 23, 2021.



Catamaran Storage

ATTENTION!

Catamaran storage renters, please remove your catamaran from beach storage starting October 8, 2021, and by no later than October 24, 2021.

Launch ramp storage is available from October to March 2022, at the same rate, [read more](#).

Tuna Season

Santa Cruz-based anglers have been enjoying historical Bluefin Tuna fishing as of late, which is keeping the launch ramp full and fish cleaning tables busy. The fish typically enter local waters in the summer and fall months, but this current season is being considered one of the best in nearly 20 years. Most fish being landed are in the 70 pound range, although some skilled anglers have landed larger fish in the 150-200 pound range. Anglers are hopeful that these tuna stay in the area for the next few weeks!



Water Conservation

To help reduce water use around the harbor, please:

- Minimize the use of fresh water at all times
- Scrub boats with a brush and sea water first
- Limit rinsing of boats to once weekly and only if necessary
- Shut-off spray nozzles are required on all hoses
- Use fish scaling tools, not water, to remove scales from fish
- Report all leaks to the harbor office

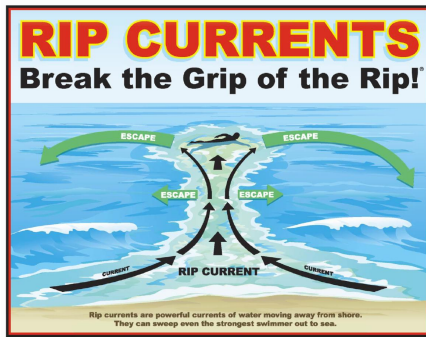


Please help us conserve water. Thank you!

OCEAN SAFETY

A MESSAGE FROM CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS AND CALFIRE

Last month, Harbor Patrol and other first responders were dispatched to three fatal incidents along a 3-mile stretch of beach near Davenport in Santa Cruz County. CalFire and California State Parks Lifeguards have shared the following safety tips and [public service announcement](#):



IF CAUGHT IN A RIP CURRENT

- ◆ Don't fight the current
- ◆ Swim out of the current, then to shore
- ◆ If you can't escape, float or tread water
- ◆ If you need help, call or wave for assistance

SAFETY

- ◆ Know how to swim
- ◆ Never swim alone
- ◆ If in doubt, don't go out

More information about rip currents can be found at the following web sites:
www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov
www.usla.org



△ Not all beaches are recommended for swimming or wading. There is limited lifeguard service along portions of the coast. Whenever possible, swim at a lifeguard protected beach.

△ Rip Currents are powerful, channeled currents of water flowing away from shore. Rip currents can occur at any beach with breaking waves or where there is a stream or outflow into the surfline. The majority of ocean rescues made by lifeguards are due to victims struggling in rip currents. If caught in a rip current, remain calm to conserve energy and think clearly. Don't fight the current. Swim out of the current in a direction following the shoreline. When out of the current, swim towards shore.

△ "Rogue Waves" or "Sleeper Waves" are unpredictable and are present even on days when the surf looks small. These large waves catch victims by surprise, washing them into the water. Most victims are caught by surprise when climbing on rocks and cliffs, playing near or in the surf, or shore fishing.

△ Conditions may change quickly along the coastline. When in doubt—don't go out!

Read more on the California Department of State Parks and Recreation [Ocean Safety](#) webpage.

Attention! New Sport Crab Regulations

Please review this [informational flyer](#) summarizing regulation changes for the recreational crab fishery. These regulations were adopted by the Fish and Game Commission in late 2020, and will be effective for the upcoming Dungeness crab season, which is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks.

Please visit the [California Department of Fish and Wildlife](#) for more information.

DUNGENESS CRAB
Regulation Changes for the Recreational Crab Fishery

Attention NEW Sport Crab Regulations

Your GO DDF Here

Season Dates Subject to Change

To reduce marine life entanglement risk, season dates are subject to change and public notice will be provided a minimum of 5 days in advance of the scheduled Dungeness crab season or before a closure becomes effective. Please visit the [Whole Safe Fisheries](#) web page for more information and to join CDFW's email list: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Whole-Safe-Fisheries>
Reminder: ALL crab traps must be removed 7 days prior to the Dungeness crab season opener.

Gear Marking Requirements

All crab traps must be marked with specific sized buoys. The Main Buoy must be at least 5" diameter and 11" in length with an additional Red Marker Buoy that is 3" in diameter and 5" in length, attached to main buoy with 3" of line or less.

9-Day Trap Service

Crab traps must be raised, cleaned and emptied (serviced) at intervals not to exceed 9 days. Gear must be removed when you no longer intend to fish or you are unable to service at least every 9 days.

Trap Limit

Every individual may use up to 10 traps and service 10 additional traps with written permission from the operator of the trap.

Trap Validation Program

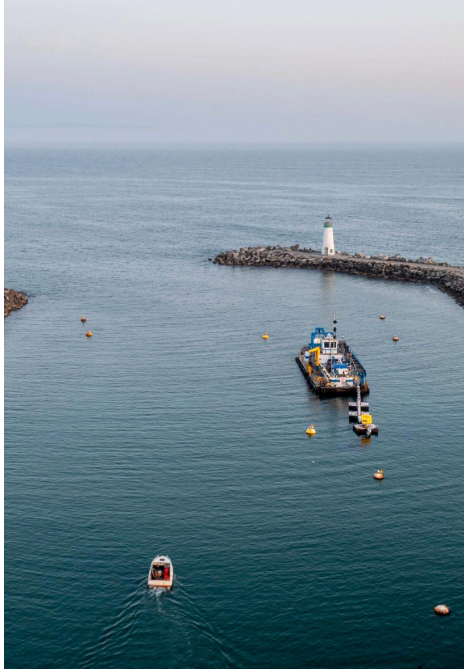
Individuals who use a crab trap are required to purchase an annual \$2.42 trap validation this season. This fee does not apply to other methods of take.

For More Information Including Public Notices on Season Modifications:
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Marine/Whole-Safe-Fisheries>

2021-22 Dredging Operations

Entrance Channel Dredging

Crews are preparing to move *Twin Lakes* from her off-



season mooring in the north harbor to the entrance channel in the coming weeks. In accordance with regulatory permits, entrance channel dredging is scheduled to commence on November 1. Stay tuned for more information and schedule updates.

North Harbor Dredging

Crews made significant progress deepening the north harbor turning basin and restoring depths in the X/J fairway and berthing areas during the 2020-21 dredge season. Therefore, north harbor dredging is not planned for the 2021-22 season.

Haunted Harbor

POSTPONED

In an effort to limit large gatherings and help prevent the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, the Port District will be postponing the Haunted Harbor event until 2022.

Marine Safety Training

FISHING DRILL CONDUCTOR CLASS

Alaska Marine Safety Education Association "[AMSEA](#)" is conducting a Fishing Vessel Drill Conductor class in Moss Landing on October 18, 2021, [register online here](#).

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