

#### **NEWSLETTER**

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# 2018 PORT COMMISSIONERS

#### **2018 CHAIRMAN**

Dennis Smith

#### **2018 VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Stephen Reed

### **2018 COMMISSIONERS**

Toby Goddard Reed Geisreiter Darren Gertler

# NEW WEBSITE RELEASE

The Port District is scheduled to launch its new website in early January 2018.

The website renovation will improve user navigation and site accessibly. Stay tuned!

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **2018 PARKING STICKERS**

Slip renter parking stickers will be available for pickup in the harbor office on January 6, 2018. As a reminder, only the slip licensee of record may pick up the parking permits. Please bring personal photo ID <u>and</u> current vessel registration or proof of documentation in order to receive 2018 stickers.

Enforcement of 2018 parking permits will begin February 1, 2018. Please ensure that your 2018 parking stickers are displayed correctly to avoid being issued a citation.

#### **2018 WAITING LIST RENEWALS**

2018 waiting list renewals will be mailed in early-January! To avoid late fees, payments must be received by our office by February 20, 2018.

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

#### POSSESSSORY INTEREST TAX

Each year, the Santa Cruz County Assessor's office charges possessory interest tax to vessels berthed in and to rental properties within 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 regarding the possessory interest tax, please visit our <u>website</u>. Please direct any questions concerning your possessory interest assessment to the County Assessor's office at (831) 454-2002.

# U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BOATING SAFETY CLASS

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a boating safety class on Saturday, January 20, 2018, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, at the Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room.

Please be reminded that this boating safety class fulfills the educational requirement to qualify for the *California Boater Card*.

Click <u>here</u> for more information about the course.

# PORT COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

#### **JANUARY**

Regular Public Session
Tuesday, January 23, 2018
7 PM

## **FEBRUARY**

Regular Public Session
Tuesday, February 27, 2018
7 PM

# CURRENT FUEL PRICING

Gasoline: \$3.99 Diesel: \$3.29 Commercial Diesel: \$3.10





## CALIFORNIA BOATER CARD INFORMATION

Beginning January 1, 2018, the Division of Boating and Waterways will require boat operators aged 20 years and younger to possess a California Boater Card when operating any motorized vessels on state waters. Each year after January 2018, the program will be expanded to include additional age groups. By 2025, all persons who operate a motorized vessel will be required to pass an approved boating safety examination and carry a lifetime California Boater Card.

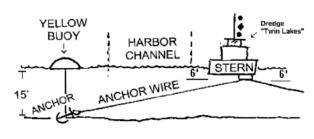
The California Boater Card will show that its holder has successfully taken and passed a NASBLA/state-approved boater safety examination. For more information about the California Boater Card, please click <a href="here">here</a>.

### DREDGING OPERATIONS

### **ENTRANCE CHANNEL DREDGING**

Twin Lakes began dredging the entrance channel on Monday, November 13, 2017. Crews have made steady progress deepening the federal entrance channel. Crews plan to work their way south in the entrance channel toward the jetty jaws.

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.



DREDGE "TWIN LAKES - LOOKING SOUTH TYPICAL MOORING CONFIGURATION (NOT TO SCALE)

## **NORTH HARBOR DREDGING**

North harbor dredging resumed on December 4, 2017. Crews have successfully mobilized *Squirt* in the north harbor and have deepened the berthing areas within the X/J Channel as they move north toward the culverts. Once this area is completed,

the dock fingers will be reassembled and displaced vessels will be returned to their slips.

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