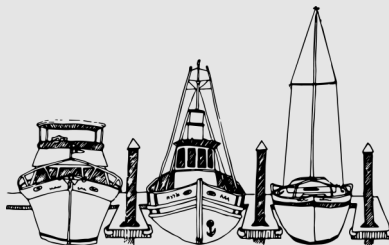


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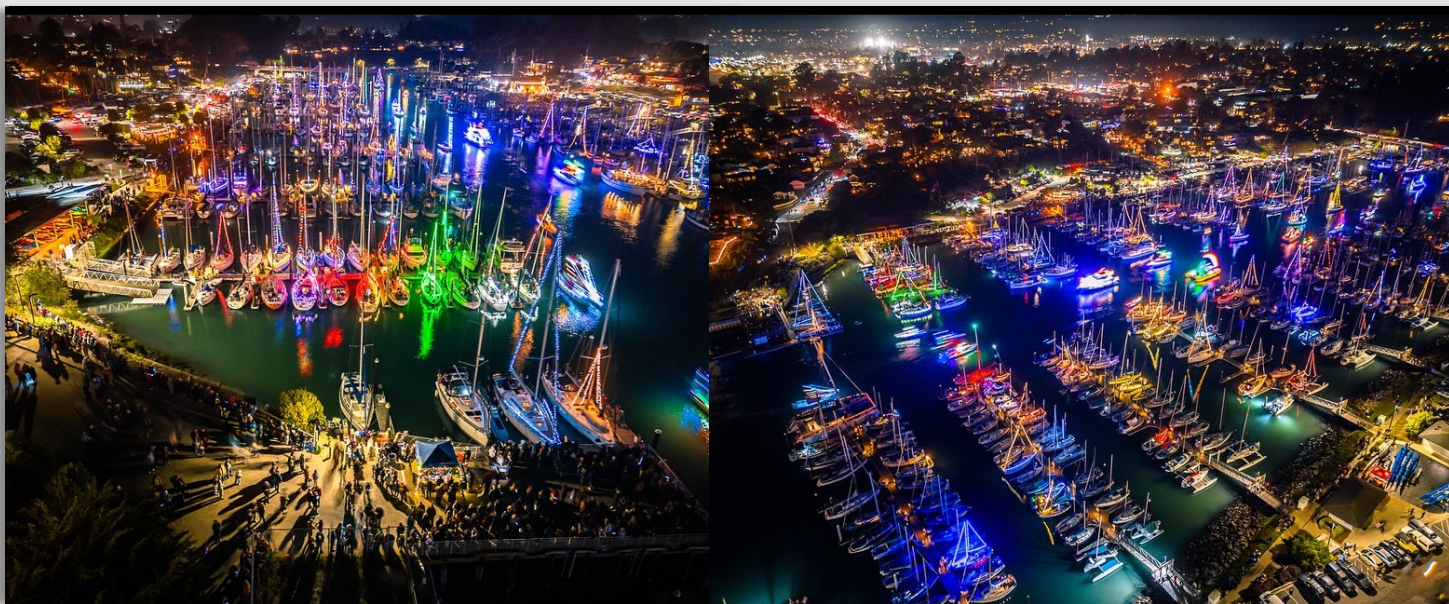


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LIGHTED BOAT PARADE EVENT RECAP

The Santa Cruz Yacht Club's 37th Annual Lighted Boat Parade lit up the Santa Cruz Harbor on Saturday, December 7, 2024, with this year's theme, "It's Gonna Be Lit!" The event brought holiday cheer to large crowds who came to enjoy the dazzling displays of 24 beautifully decorated power and sailboats.

Slip renters went above and beyond with their creative decorations, making the evening memorable for the entire community. A special thank you to the Coast Guard Auxiliary for their ongoing support in ensuring visitor safety during the event.

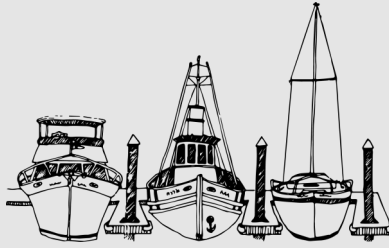
Congratulations to the Best-in-Show Winner of the 2024 Lighted Boat Parade!

BEST OVERALL WINNER ~ Yellow Brick Yacht with Skipper John Fowler

[\(click here image gallery\)](#)

Thank you to all participants for your incredible creativity, effort, and festive spirit. We can't wait to see how you light up the harbor next year!

Pictured Above: 2024 Lighted Boat Parade, Photos by Joshua Sandoval (facebook.com/joshuajsandoval)



2025 PORT COMMISSIONERS



Toby Goddard,
Chair



Reed Geisreiter,
Vice-Chair



Steve Reed,
Commissioner



Bill Lee,
Commissioner



Robert Dewitt,
Commissioner

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Regular monthly Commission meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 PM. Items for the agenda need to be submitted to the Port Director by the Tuesday prior to the meeting date of each month. The public is welcome to attend Commission meetings. Please join us in person, by computer, or by telephone. For more information visit our website at www.santacruzharbor.org/port-commission.

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING:

January 28, 2025, 5:30 PM

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING:

February 6, 2025, 5:30 PM

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING:

February 25, 2025, 5:30 PM

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March 25, 2025, 5:30 PM

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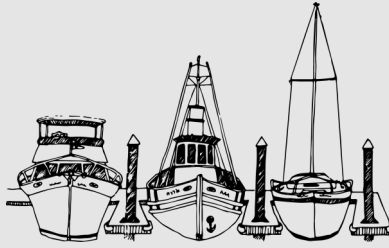
April 22, 2025, 5:30 PM

FY26 DRAFT BUDGET

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025, 5:30 PM

Slip renters and members of the public are encouraged to attend the Port District's special public budget session on Tuesday, February 6, 2025, at 5:30 PM to provide input and hear highlights regarding the upcoming fiscal year.

The draft budget will be posted on the District's [website](#) no later than February 3, 2025.



JOIN OUR TEAM ~ DEPUTY HARBORMASTER REGULAR FULL-TIME POSITION

Santa Cruz Port District is seeking qualified candidates for the regular, full-time position of Deputy Harbormaster. Under general supervision, Deputy Harbormasters perform law enforcement, safety, security, parking, traffic, marina management and other functions of the District.

Essential Functions

- Performs marine search and rescue services in cooperation with US Coast Guard, State Parks Lifeguards and other outside agencies.
- Performs routine foot, vessel, and vehicle patrols to ensure the safe and orderly operation of the harbor.
- Enforces Port District ordinances, parking regulations, and boating laws, including California Harbors and Navigation Code.
- Provides boater assistance in the form of emergency vessel towing and pump out.
- Responds to medical, boating, water-related, and other emergencies.
- Supports the relationship between the District and the general public by demonstrating courteous behavior.

Compensation & Benefits:

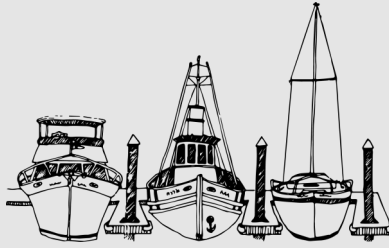
- Salary range for this position is **\$5,810 to \$7,786 per month**, depending on qualifications.
- Full benefits, including CalPERS retirement, medical/dental insurance, and paid leave.

Apply Today!

Visit the Port District's [website](#) for the full job description, application details, and supplemental questions.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 23, 2024, 5:00 PM





WARNING

INCOMING HIGH SURF



HIGH SURF FORECAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
THROUGH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

A series of large WNW swell events are forecasted to impact our area beginning Saturday, December 21, 2024, peaking on Monday, December 23, 2024, and remaining hazardous through the rest of the week.

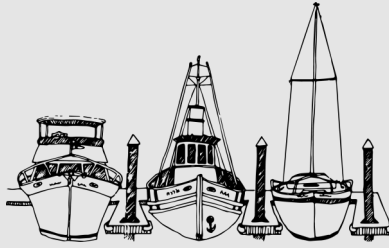
Powerful surge conditions in the harbor and breaking surf in the 15'-18' range is expected. Please use caution at all times when aboard your vessel or dockside and stay away from the jetty area.

It is highly recommended that you check your vessel in advance of the swell. Please ensure that your vessel is secure, drains are clear, pumps are operable, and that dock lines and fenders are in good condition. Lines should be replaced and/or added as needed.

WINTERIZE YOUR BOAT

As winter weather approaches, boaters are reminded to visit their boat before the next storm and frequently throughout the season. If you can't check your boat, find a responsible person who can. Here are some helpful reminders to stay safe this winter:

- Check your dock lines.
- Tie lines securely to cleats; consider chafing gear and doubling-up lines.
- Replace your worn lines.
- Test your bilge pump to ensure that it's working properly and free of debris.
- Be sure limber holes and scupper drains aren't blocked.
- Have an adequate number of appropriate-sized fenders.
- Store or tightly secure all sails, roller furlings, rigging, tarps, loose gear on deck.
- Close and secure hatches, ports, and windows. Make sure they're watertight.
- Make sure appliances like space heaters are not left unattended.
- Update your email address and emergency contact phone numbers with the harbor office.



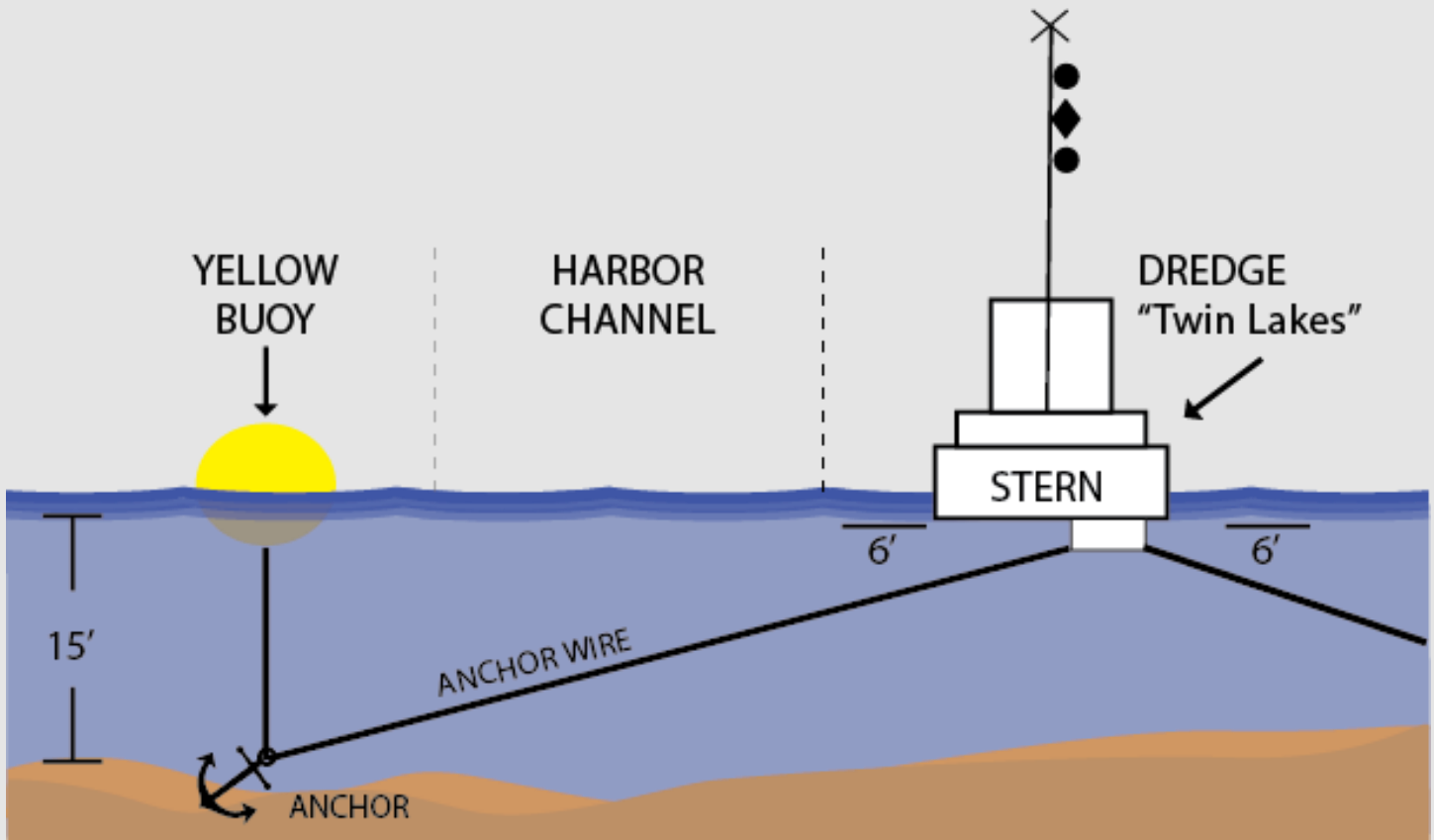
2024-25 DREDGE OPERATIONS

Federal Entrance Channel Dredging

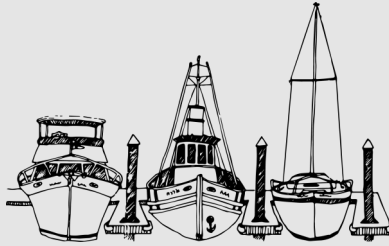
Twin Lakes was moved from the off-season mooring in the north harbor to the entrance channel during the low tide on November 14, 2024. Dredging of the federal entrance channel began on November 25, 2024, and will continue through April 30, 2025. The typical dredge schedule is Monday – Thursday.

Weekly soundings are posted to the harbor's [website](#). Prior to transiting the entrance, please check tide and weather conditions, review the entrance sounding, and know what your vessel draws.

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 and contact the dredge crew on VHF channel 8 for passing instructions. If your vessel contacts any dredge equipment or pipeline, please contact Harbor Patrol IMMEDIATELY on VHF channel 9.



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



2025 PARKING PERMITS

Slip renter parking stickers will be available for pick up on January 2, 2025.

As a reminder, all licensees must pick up 2025 parking stickers in person at the harbor office. Only the slip licensee of record may pick up the parking permits, so please bring personal photo identification. Proof of current vessel registration is required to be on file with the harbor office to pick up your 2025 parking permits.

Parking permits for landside tenants will be available for pick-up on January 2, 2025.



POSSESSORY INTEREST TAX

Each year, the Santa Cruz County Assessor's office charges possessory interest tax to vessels berthed in the Santa Cruz Harbor. The possessory interests are assessments made for the private use of otherwise nontaxable publicly owned property, including boat slips.

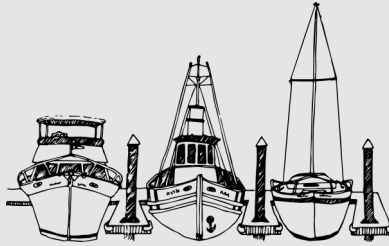
For more information, visit the Santa Cruz County Assessor's Office [website](#). Please direct any questions concerning your possessory interest assessment to the County Assessor's office at (831) 454-2002.



PUBLIC SURPLUS AUCTION

The Port District is auctioning a 1983 Bertram Sport Convertible vessel, via [PublicSuplus.com](#). All bids must be received through Public Surplus by January 1, 2025, 3:00 PM.





WAITING LIST RENEWALS

2025 waiting list renewal fees will appear on your January statement. To avoid late fees, payments must be received by February 20, 2025. A courtesy reminder will be sent to all individuals who have unpaid balances in mid-February.

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



HOLIDAY LIGHT CREDIT

Slip renters! Decorate your boat with holiday lights and receive an electricity credit for the month of December!

Note: The December electric credit will be reflected on your January billing statement.

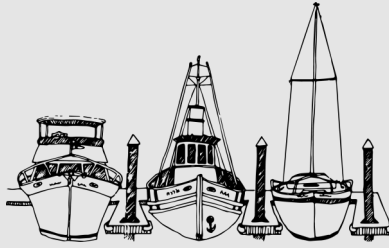


BOATING SAFETY COURSE

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a boating safety course on Boating Skills and Seamanship, which meets the education requirement for a [California Boater Card](#). As of January 1, 2025, the card is required for all operators regardless of age.

[Registration](#) will take place on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room.





Holiday Hours

HARBOR OFFICE

BOATYARD OFFICE

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24, 2024
CLOSED

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24, 2024
CLOSED

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25, 2024
CLOSED

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25, 2024
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New Year's Eve
Tuesday, December 31, 2024
CLOSE AT NOON

New Year's Eve
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New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
CLOSED

New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
CLOSED

Happy Holidays

