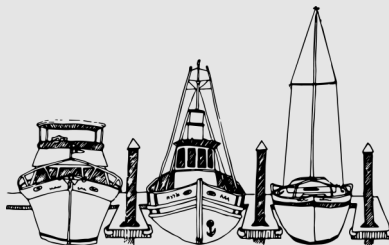


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# HARBOR NEWS

SANTA CRUZ SMALL CRAFT HARBOR

WINTER 2023



## SALMON FISHERY CLOSURE 2023

UPDATE - On November 21, the United States Secretary of Commerce declared a fishery resource disaster for the 2023 salmon season. This declaration serves as a crucial step towards addressing the challenges faced by our commercial fleet and other businesses affected by the closure.

The declaration opens a pathway to much-needed financial assistance for those impacted by the closure. It signifies the government's recognition of the hardships faced by the fishing community and demonstrates a commitment to providing support during this challenging time.

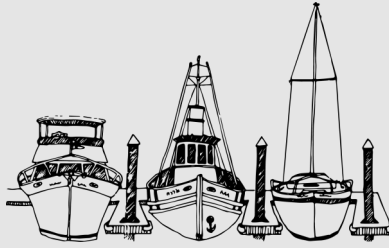
Additional information on how to apply and access funds is anticipated to be released soon. [READ MORE.](#)

## FUEL DOCK UPDATES TRANSITION TO RENEWABLE DIESEL

In accordance with the 2022 Amendments to the California Air Resources Board Commercial Harbor Craft (CHC) Regulation, the Santa Cruz Harbor fuel dock will transition from regular diesel fuel to renewable diesel fuel (R99) in early January 2024.

Renewable diesel is a transportation fuel produced from non-petroleum renewable sources, including vegetable oils and animal fats. The chemical and structural properties of renewable diesel and conventional diesel are similar. Renewable diesel meets the federal registration requirements for fuels and fuel additives, and the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) D975. Renewable diesel-petroleum blends are labelled with an R followed by the percentage (by volume) of the renewable diesel content.

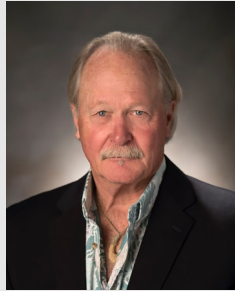
**Fun fact** – In accordance with the CHC regulations, the Port District's dredge, *Twin Lakes*, has been utilizing renewable diesel fuel since early 2023!



## 2024 PORT COMMISSIONERS



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Chair



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Vice-Chair



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Commissioner



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## 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 for in person, by computer, or by telephone. For more information visit our website at [www.santacruzharbor.org/port-commission](http://www.santacruzharbor.org/port-commission).

### CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE

#### COMMITTEE MEETING:

January 11, 2024, 11:00 AM

#### REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING:

January 23, 2024, 5:30 PM

#### SPECIAL PUBLIC

#### BUDGET MEETING:

February 6, 2024, 5:30 PM

#### REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING:

February 27, 2024, 5:30 PM

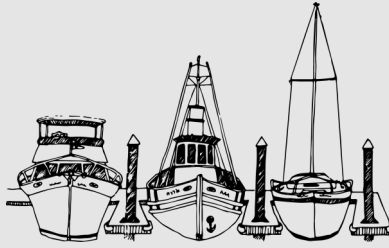
### FY25 DRAFT BUDGET

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024, 5:30 PM

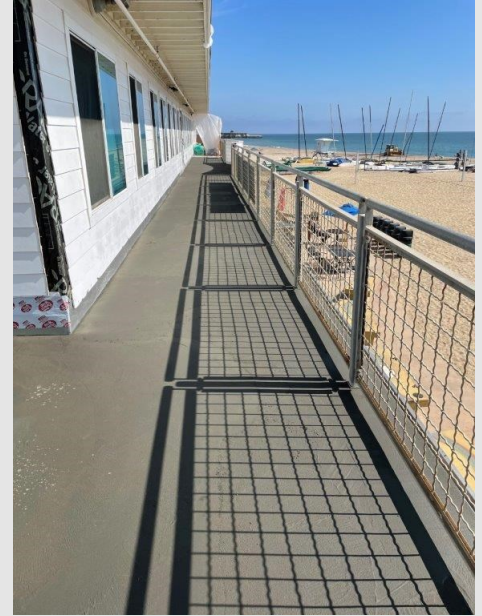
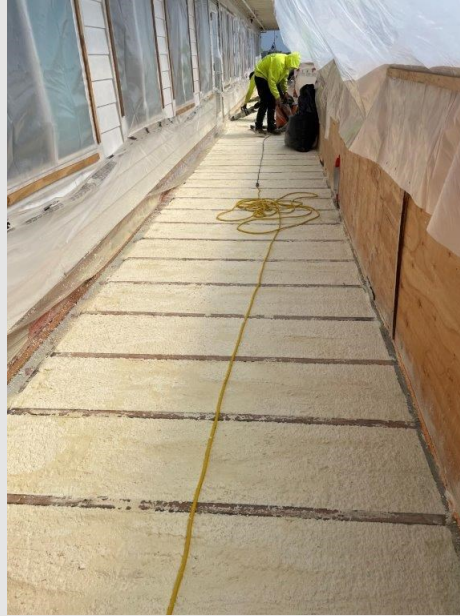
Slip renters and members of the public are encouraged to attend the Port District's special public budget session on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 5:30 PM to provide input and hear highlights regarding the upcoming fiscal year.

The draft budget will be posted on the District's [website](#) no later than February 2, 2024.





## 2222 EAST CLIFF DRIVE DECK REPLACEMENT



The Port District is excited to announce the successful completion of the 2222 East Cliff Drive Deck Replacement Project, which kicked off on September 11, 2023, and concluded after approximately eight weeks. The project included the demolition and reconstruction of the second-story deck, which restored public access and improved the longevity of the structure.

We sincerely appreciate the patience and understanding demonstrated by the tenants and harbor visitors as we navigated through this essential project.

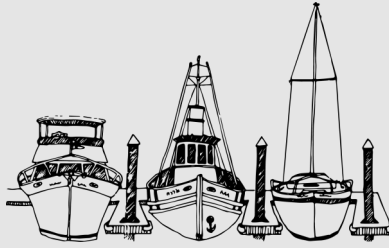
### OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE

**\$1,048.50/MONTH**

413 Lake Avenue, Suite 103, a 466 square foot commercial office space on Santa Cruz Harbor's south east side is available for rent.

For more information or to schedule a viewing please visit our [website](#) or contact Administrative Services Officer, Renee Ghisletta at (831) 475-6161 x22 or [scpd@santacruzharbor.org](mailto:scpd@santacruzharbor.org).





**WARNING**

**INCOMING HIGH SURF**



## HIGH SURF FORECAST

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 TO  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

A series of large swell events are forecasted to impact our area beginning Wednesday, December 27, 2023, and lasting through Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

These long-period northwest swells are expected to peak in the afternoon on Thursday, December 28, 2023, and again in the afternoon on Saturday, December 30, 2023.

**15'-18' breaking waves are anticipated.**

Powerful surge conditions in the harbor and breaking surf at the entrance are expected. Please use caution at all times when aboard your vessel or dockside.

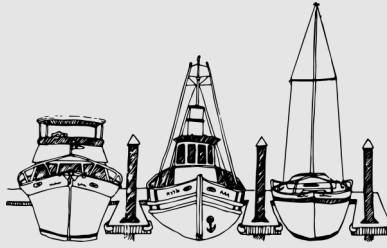
It is highly recommended that you check your vessel in advance of the swell. Please ensure that your vessel is secure, drains are clear, pumps are operable, and that dock lines and fenders are in good condition. Lines should be replaced and/or added as needed.

## 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 PARKING PERMITS

Slip renter parking stickers will be available for pick up on January 10, 2024.

As a reminder, only the slip licensee of record may pick up the parking permits. Please bring personal photo identification and current vessel documentation or 2024 registration.

Parking permits for landside tenants will be available for pick-up on January 10, 2024.

## WAITING LIST RENEWALS

2024 waiting list renewal fees will appear on your January statement. To avoid late fees, payments must be received by February 20, 2024. 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.

## POSSESSORY INTEREST TAX

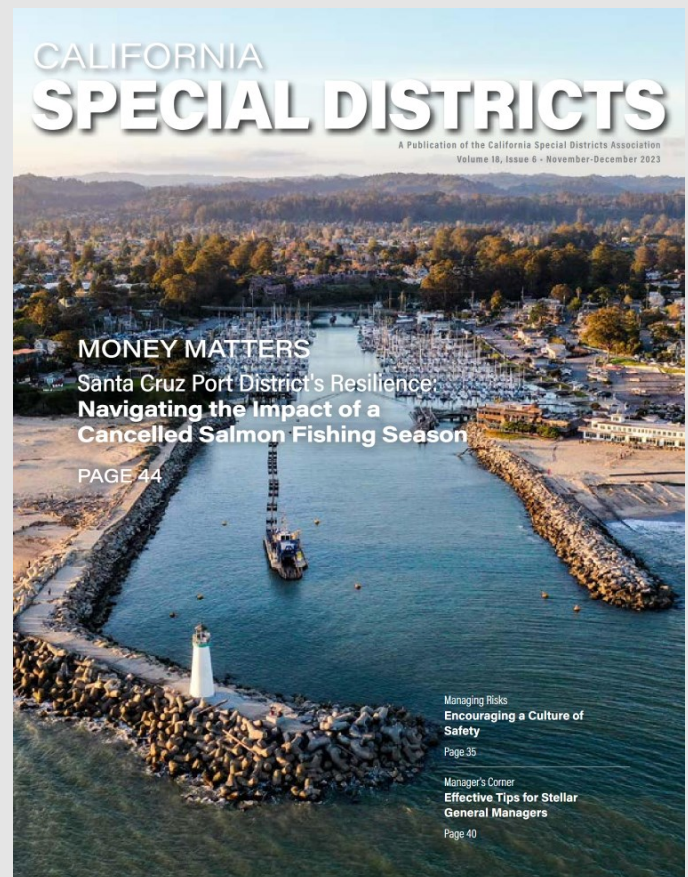
Each year, the Santa Cruz County Assessor's office charges possessory interest tax to vessels berthed in the Santa Cruz Harbor. The possessory interests are assessments made for the private use of otherwise nontaxable publicly owned property, including boat slips.

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.

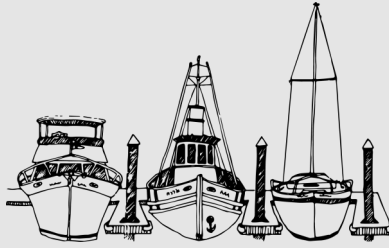
## CRAB SEASON DELAYS

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is continuing the temporary recreational Dungeness crab trap restrictions due to presence of humpback whales and the potential for entanglement from trap gear.

The start of the commercial Dungeness crab season remains delayed until further notice. For crab season updates please visit the [CDFW newsroom](#).



Check out this article by the California Special Districts Association to see how the Port District is proactively managing its financial position during the 2023 salmon season closure by exploring alternative investment options to offset ongoing revenue losses, [READ MORE](#).



## 2023-24 DREDGE OPERATIONS

### North Harbor Dredging

North harbor dredging commenced on November 6, 2023, using the Port District's dredge *Squirt*. Dredging of fine-grained material is permitted through February 28, 2024.

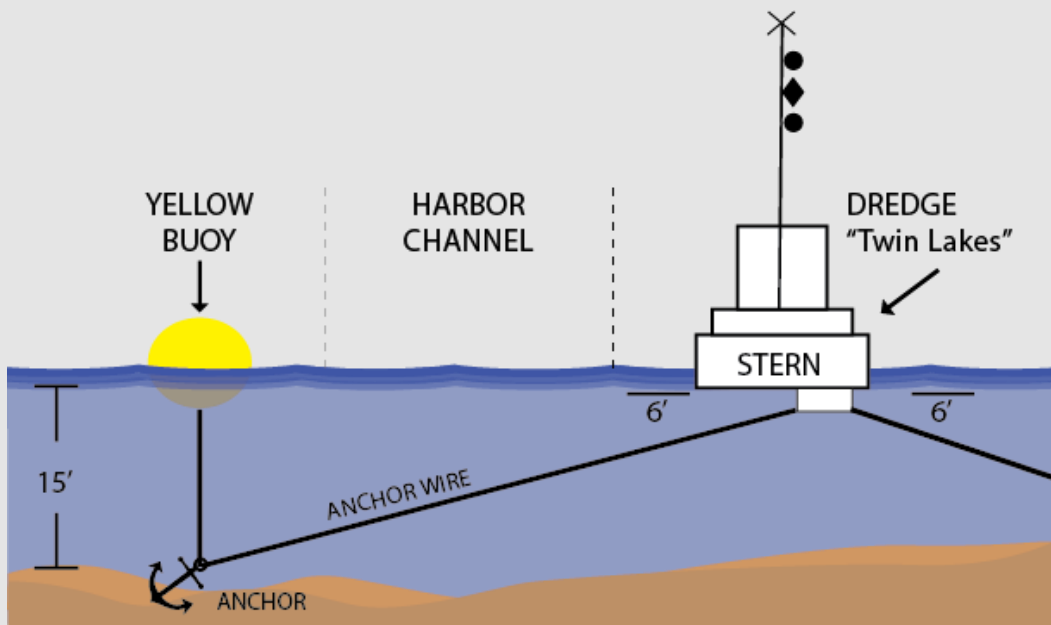
Mariners transiting in the area are advised to read all gate notices and beware of submerged pipe and equipment hazards that may be present. To view the areas proposed for dredging and the anticipated pipeline configuration in the north harbor, please [click here](#).

### Federal Entrance Channel Dredging

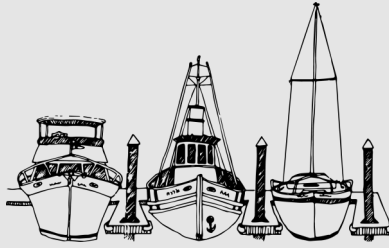
*Twin Lakes* was moved from the off-season mooring in the north harbor to the entrance channel during the low tide on November 13, 2023. Dredging of the federal entrance channel began on November 21, 2023, and will continue through April 30, 2024. The typical dredge schedule is Monday – Thursday.

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)



## WELCOME ABOARD!

Help us extend a warm welcome to Hilary Weisert, the District's new Administrative Assistant. Hilary will be splitting her time between providing excellent front-desk customer service and offering crucial administrative support across all departments. Join us in wishing Hilary success in her new role!



## U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY BOATING SAFETY CLASSES

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, 2024, the card is required for operators 60 years of age or younger.

[Registration](#) for these classes will take place on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room.



## LIGHTED BOAT PARADE EVENT RECAP

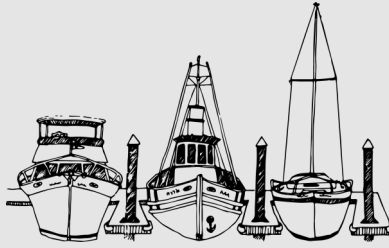
The Santa Cruz Yacht Club hosted its 36th Annual Lighted Boat Parade on Saturday, December 2, 2023. The event was heavily attended, and quite a success! Thank you to all the slip renters who decorated their boats to make this event so fun and festive for the entire Santa Cruz community.

A big thank you to the Coast Guard Auxiliary for their continued assistance in ensuring visitor safety during the event.



*Above: Best-in-Show "Pixie Duster", photo taken by Shmuel Thaler.*





## *Holiday Hours*

### HARBOR OFFICE

Christmas Eve  
Sunday, December 24  
CLOSE AT NOON

Christmas Day  
Monday, December 25  
CLOSED

New Year's Eve  
Sunday, December 31  
CLOSE AT NOON

New Year's Day  
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**Happy  
Holidays**