



Santa Cruz Port District
Newsletter - August 2021

HARBOR NEWS

Senior Deputy Harbormaster Don Kinnamon Announces Retirement

After 31 years with the District, Don Kinnamon has announced that he will be retiring later this year. Don began his career at Santa Cruz Harbor in 1990, as a lifeguard, and shortly thereafter was hired as a deputy harbormaster.

Don quickly honed his skills as a boat operator and participated in numerous search and rescue missions with his colleagues, saving countless lives. One notable rescue resulted in Don being named California's Boating Safety Officer of the Year after he and former Deputy Harbormaster Cary Smith rescued Bill and Matt Hopps in September 2000. The Hopps brothers' catamaran had capsized, and when the harbor patrol received a report that the brothers had failed to return to shore at about 8 pm, the Coast Guard initiated a search with assistance from the harbor patrol. After searching for many hours to no avail, the Coast Guard released the harbor patrol from the search mission after a helicopter arrived to assist. However, Don and Cary continued their efforts and found Bill Hopps at approximately 2:00 am, 4.5 miles offshore. Bill had been treading water for more than 10 hours. After safely delivering Bill Hopps to shore, Don and Cary continued their search, and at about 3:30 am found his brother, Matt Hopps, clinging to the catamaran. This is just one example of Don's extraordinary service as a boating safety officer.



Don's file is thick with commendations from other law enforcement agencies, harbor business operators, Yacht Club members, boaters, and citizens. Don is currently Vice-President of the California Harbor Masters and Port Captains Association and acts as liaison to the Santa Cruz Yacht Club and other boating groups helping to organize and ensure the safety of regatta events and blue water cruises.

Don is an excellent ambassador for the harbor. As a result of his efforts, the Port District successfully requested and received a grant from the State of California, which will fund the replacement of the harbor's aging patrol boat later this year.

Thanks Don, and happy retirement!

Santa Cruz Port District is currently recruiting for

Port Director



The Santa Cruz Port District is now seeking a Port Director – a strong, broadly intelligent, focused, and hard-working individual to manage and direct all activities of the Santa Cruz Harbor and Port District. An approachable and well-rounded individual with presence, strong business acumen, and a proven track record in community engagement will be ideal.

A background in public agency administration that includes public works, parks and recreation, community/economic development, or similar experience, is a plus. Any combination of experience and education equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, or a relevant field from an accredited college or university, and five (5) years of increasingly responsible experience in a management or supervisory capacity involving the operation, maintenance, and security of a harbor, marina, municipal waterfront, or similar operation, maintenance, and security program and which involves a diversity of disciplines including general administration, personnel management, intergovernmental and public relations is qualifying. Candidates must possess, or be able to obtain, a valid California Driver's License and be insurable for the operation of Port District vehicles.

Submission Requirements

If you are interested in this outstanding opportunity, please visit www.bobmurrayassoc.com to apply online. Please contact Mr. Gary Phillips at (916) 784-9080, should you have any questions.

Filing Deadline: Friday, August 27, 2021

Detailed description: [PDF](#)

Senior Deputy Harbormaster

The Senior Deputy Harbormaster position is a fully armed, sworn peace officer position responsible for supervising Deputy Harbormaster staff. The Senior Deputy Harbormaster enforces laws, regulations, ordinances and rules relating to use of the Santa Cruz Harbor and performs administrative and offshore search and rescue functions. The Senior Deputy Harbormaster supervises the daily activities of the operations staff; deploys staff and monitors work, develops staff skills, trains and evaluates performance.

Apply now! Please visit our [website](#) to view the complete job descriptions and submit an online application.

Harbor Patrol Vessel Replacement Update

Construction of the District's new 34' Moose Boats M3 patrol vessel is currently underway! Cabin fabrication is complete and major metalwork on the hull is in process. Staff will have the opportunity to visit the manufacturer in the coming weeks to review progress and propose any necessary modifications before the design is finalized. The District anticipates delivery of the new boat by December 1, 2021.

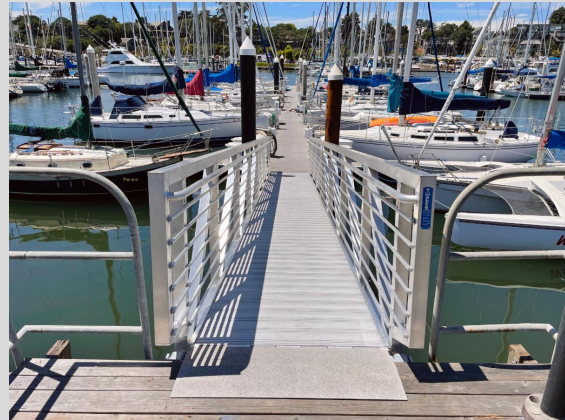
Acquisition of this new patrol vessel was made possible by a one-time budget allocation from the State of California. The new vessel will allow Harbor Patrol to continue safely serving the needs of the community and boating public on the Central Coast for decades to come.



Dock Upgrades

New gangways are in! Maintenance crews have begun installing new gangways in the southeast harbor, beginning at P and Q-Docks. Work will continue on R, S, O, and N-Docks in the coming weeks.

To facilitate installation, temporary, makeshift gangways will be installed to maintain slip renter access to the docks while work is being performed. Work is anticipated to be complete by the end of August.



Northeast Harbor Paving Project



Monterey Peninsula Engineering, Inc. completed repaving the main drive path in the northeast harbor (RV Area to U-Dock). The paving project began on Monday, July 19, 2021, and was completed on Thursday, July 22, 2021.

The Port District appreciates your patience and understanding while these important infrastructure projects are performed.

Off-Season Dredge Maintenance

The dredge crew has been actively working to complete off-season maintenance tasks, in preparation for the upcoming season. The crew is performing routine repair and maintenance of the workboat *Dauntless*, the dredges, *Twin Lakes* and *Squirt*, and other ancillary equipment. The dredge crew is focused on completing all necessary work to ensure mobilization for a timely season start.

North harbor dredging is not planned for the 2021-22 season, but the crew will deploy *Twin Lakes* in the federal entrance channel in early-November 2021.



Pictured above, the District's 8" dredge *Squirt* hauled out at the boatyard for off-season maintenance.

Fishing Line Recycling Stations



Launch Ramp



Boat Wash



V-Dock Fish Cleaning Table

Fishing line that is improperly disposed of or abandoned in the environment can lead to numerous issues. The line not only causes damage to vessels but also entangles and endangers wildlife. Even when the line is disposed of in trash bins, it still goes to a landfill, creating the same hazards for wildlife. Since the line is NOT biodegradable, it remains in the environment for years. To address these issues, fishing line recycling containers are available to boaters and anglers throughout the harbor to properly discard their used line.

Santa Cruz Harbor is proud to be a part of the California Fishing Line Recycling Program and would like to encourage our boating community to take advantage of these recycling stations located at the launch ramp, boat wash area, and V-dock fish cleaning table.

Day on the Bay Regatta



Calling all sailors! The 29th Annual Day on the Bay Regatta is on Sunday, August 8th. The Santa Cruz Yacht Club will be hosting this fun event to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Santa Cruz County.

Please visit the Santa Cruz Yacht Club's [website](#) or the BBBS [event page](#) for more information on this year's event and to purchase raffle tickets!

Laser NorCal Championships



The Santa Cruz Yacht Club will be hosting the 2021 Laser NorCal Championships on Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15, 2021.

You can view the Notice Of Race or Register Online by visiting the Santa Cruz Club's [website](#).

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