



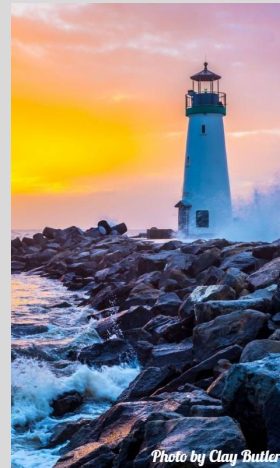
Santa Cruz Port District Newsletter - February 2020

Announcements

HARBORMASTER BLAKE ANDERSON

The Port District is pleased to announce that following an open recruitment, Blake Anderson has been promoted to the position of Harbormaster effective February 1.

Blake was hired in 2009, and since that time he has moved steadily up the ranks from Deputy Harbormaster, to Senior Deputy Harbormaster, and most recently Assistant Harbormaster. Blake has more than 20 years of experience working in public safety in Santa Cruz County. His comprehensive understanding of the ocean and boating will benefit the harbor and his staff. Blake is also a fisherman, a surfer, waterman, and harbor slip renter. We look forward to having Blake lead the Operations Department into the future. Please join us in congratulating him on his recent promotion!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Santa Cruz Port District is seeking qualified candidates for the regular, full-time position of *Assistant Harbormaster*.

Complete job description and application are available on the District's [website](#) for download.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
February 5, 2020, 5:00 PM

CONCESSION LOT PARKING UPGRADES

Upgraded parking equipment has been installed in the concession parking lot! The new equipment replaces the Port District's 30-year old system and provides improved user interface and efficiency.

As part of the project, two new pay-on-foot stations have been installed. One pay-on-foot machine is located near the Crow's Nest Beach Market, with the other located at 2222 East Cliff Drive (between Intero Real Estate and Java Junction). The new pay-on-foot stations will provide added convenience and efficiency for customers.

As always, the parking booth will remain staffed with an attendant who can process payment upon exit or assist with any parking-related needs.



2020 CENSUS

The U.S. Census Bureau is interested in recruiting members of the harbor community to assist with the upcoming 2020 Census.

Hurry, applications are due soon! For more information visit 2020census.gov.

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.

Please direct any questions concerning your possessory interest assessment to the County Assessor's office at (831) 454-2002.

WAITING LIST RENEWALS

It's not too late to pay your 2020 waiting list renewal! To avoid late fees and interest, payments must be received by February 20, 2020.

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

PARKING STICKERS

Enforcement of 2020 parking permits will begin February 1, 2020. Please ensure that your 2020 parking stickers are displayed correctly to avoid being issued a citation. If you are using the hangtag, you need to affix the 2020 parking sticker to the hangtag without obscuring the hologram.

THANK YOU CHRIS SENGEZER

After 28 years with the Port District, Chris Sengezer, the District's Supervising Harbor Dredge Worker is set to retire. We want to thank Chris for his many years of dedicated service and wish him well in retirement!



Left to right: Chris Sengezer, Jason Laine, Brenda Ramos, Steven Tandoi, Arturo Zavala, Josh Wagoner, Matt Kerkes, Rory Stipanovich.

2019-20 DREDGE OPERATIONS



Federal Entrance Channel Dredging:

The crew continues to make significant headway in the entrance. Over the last several weeks, the crew has worked to deepen the eastern side of the channel, restoring much needed capacity. The crew will focus their efforts on addressing shallow areas along the western side of the channel, as well as directly outside of the harbor mouth, when conditions permit.

As always, it is incumbent upon vessel skippers to be aware of, and assess depths in the entrance channel prior to transit. Skippers with deeper draft vessels need to be especially vigilant. Prior to transit, check tide and weather conditions, view the entrance sounding online ([click here](#)), and know what your vessel draws.

Entrance soundings will be updated bi-weekly and posted on the District's website. 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.

North Harbor Dredging:

Crews mobilized *Squirt* to the J/J Channel and will continue work in that area for the first half of February.

Please read all gate notices and beware of submerged pipe and equipment hazards when operating in the area. Harbor staff will be in contact with boat owners who may be in an area slated for dredging.

