NEWSLETTER
March 2016

HARBOR ENTRANCE CHANNEL SHOATED

The safety zone in effect for the Santa Cruz Harbor federal entrance channel requires that mariners contact Santa Cruz Harbor via VHF channel 9 for approval to transit. The Harbor Patrol is currently authorizing transits between 6:00 am and 8:00 pm daily as sea and entrance conditions allow. Commencing Thursday, March 24th, Harbor Patrol will be available to authorize transits from 5:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Special arrangements may be made for after-hours transits by contacting the Harbormaster or Deputy Harbormaster between 5:00 am and 9:00 pm.

To view entrance soundings and monitor entrance channel updates, please visit the Port District's website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2nd ANNUAL MARINE FLEA MARKET
The Santa Cruz Harbor Boatyard will host its 2nd annual Marine Flea Market on Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Buy, sell, trade, or browse through an assortment of new and used marine equipment, electronics, dock accessories, fishing gear, and other marine-related products.

Interested in selling your stuff at this year's flea market? Contact boatyard staff to reserve a vendor booth today! $10 vendor fee applies, and space is limited.

NEW DEPUTY HARBORMASTER
The Santa Cruz Port District welcomed David Hill as its newest deputy harbormaster. David was sworn in at the Port Commission's November meeting. The Port District is excited to welcome David to the team!

FY17 BUDGET UPDATE
At its regular public session on February 23, 2016, the Santa Cruz Port Commission adopted the FY17 operating budget. Careful stewardship of the Port District's financial resources and prudent spending and reserve policies have resulted in projected net income sufficient to avoid rate increases in FY17.

To view the Port District's FY17 operating budget and 5-Year Capital Improvement Program, click here.

NEW DREDGE NAME - "TWIN LAKES"
A naming contest for the new dredge was announced in January 2016. The dredge committee met and reviewed approximately 200 entries, before selecting recommendations to present to the full Commission.

At its regular public meeting on February 23, 2016, the Port Commission selected the name "Twin Lakes" for the new dredge, which is scheduled to arrive in June 2016.

The Port District would like to thank everyone who took the time...
COMMISSIONERS
Bill Lee
Stephen Reed
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PORT COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE
APRIL
Regular Public Session
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
7 PM

CURRENT FUEL PRICING
Gasoline: $2.85
Diesel: $2.38
Commercial: $2.28

DREDGE SEASON UPDATE
Typically, dredge disposal operations are limited to the harbor beach over spring break. In recognition of the emergency, State Parks has authorized sand disposal to continue on Twin Lakes State Beach over the next two weeks in an effort to increase production and facilitate beach replenishment. We appreciate State Parks’ support of the operation, as our crew works to restore depths in the channel.

FROM THE HARBORMASTER
In an effort to increase safety, improve Harbor Patrol’s response times to both emergency and non-emergency situations, and gather information about crimes occurring within the harbor, the Port District would like to remind all harbor users to report all incidents and emergencies by dialing 9-1-1. For non-urgent matters, call (831) 471-1131.