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WATER TAXI OPERATION

The free inner-harbor water taxi is set to begin operation over Memorial Day Weekend!

Beginning Saturday, May 23, 2015, the water taxi will be operating on weekends and holidays from 11 AM to 6 PM.

In addition to weekend service, the water taxi will operate on Thursday evenings during the Crow's Nest's beach barbeques from 5 PM to 9:30 PM.

Passengers may be picked up and dropped off at the following locations:

- X-1 gate
- AA-dock (Aldo's)
- Launch ramp

Parking is available for water taxi passengers in the north harbor near X-dock.

WATER CONSERVATION

We are in the 4th year of drought. Please:

Minimize use of fresh

NEWSLETTER

May 2015

Please feel free to pass the newsletter along to family and friends. Let them know that they can receive this newsletter by sending their email address to scpd@santacruzharbor.org or by contacting the harbor office at (831) 475-6161.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DREDGE PURCHASE

At its regular public session of April 28, 2015, the Port Commission awarded a contract for the replacement of the dredge *Seabright*. The total cost of the new dredge will be approximately \$4.9 million.

The dredge *Seabright* was originally purchased in 1986 at a total cost of approximately \$1.7 million. The *Seabright* has been carefully maintained throughout its 29-year history dredging in the Santa Cruz Harbor, but is beyond the end of its projected service life. In addition, the engines onboard *Seabright* are no longer in compliance with USEPA air quality standards and must be replaced.

The Port District began discussing replacing the *Seabright* in approximately 2008. Alternatives such as hauling it out for repairs, partially rebuilding it or transporting it to a shipyard were considered. The various alternatives were ruled out in favor of full replacement in 2012 due to the high cost of repairs and impracticalities of dismantling it or transporting it to an offsite repair facility.

In February 2013, the Port District began the process of refinancing its debt which amounted to approximately \$15 million at that time. The terms of the refinancing were favorable enough to allow the Port District to draw \$4 million in cash for the purchase of a new dredge.

The new dredge should be on-site and operational by June 2016.

TSUNAMI RECOVERY CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE

The Santa Cruz Port District recently completed its final tsunami recovery project! In total, 28 docks were repaired or replaced, electrical service upgrades were performed, damaged piles were replaced, and embankments and abutments were reinforced.

Expenditures for all projects total approximately \$19.5 million, with the Port District's share equal to approximately \$1.2 million. Port District staff would like to thank all slip renters, concessionaires, and harbor patrons for their patience and cooperation during the rebuilding process.

CLEAN BOATING TIP

water at all times.

Scrub boats with brush and sea water first.

Limit rinsing of boats to once weekly and only if necessary.

Shut-off spray nozzles required on all hoses.

Use fish scaling tools, not water, to remove scales from fish.

Report all leaks to harbor office.

Please help us conserve water. Thank you!

CLEAN FUELING PRACTICES

The Division of Boating and Waterways would like to provide the following tips on clean fueling practices:

- Always remember SAFETY first! Be sure your vessel is securely moored to the fuel dock, shut off the engine, turn off all electronic equipment and heat sources, and send all other passengers ashore.
- Make sure a fire extinguisher is within reach.
- Make sure the fuel nozzle is in contact with the metallic fuel tube or pipe to prevent static sparks. Attend the fuel nozzle at all times.
- Don't top off your fuel tank (fill it to about 90%). Leave room for the fuel to expand as it warms.
- Always use an oil absorbent, fuel donut or fuel bib around the deck filler to catch spills and overflow. Be sure to properly dispose of fuel-soaked absorbents as hazardous waste.

To learn more about clean fueling practices, visit the Division of Boating and Waterways' [website](#).

PORT COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

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MAY
Regular Public Session
Tuesday, May 26, 2015
7PM

JUNE
Regular Public Session
Tuesday, June 23, 2015
7PM

CURRENT FUEL PRICING

Gasoline: \$3.49
Diesel: \$2.99
Commercial: \$2.87

Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday: 8 - 4
Saturday - Sunday: 7 - 4

HARBOR SECURITY UPGRADES

Electronic locksets have been installed on all shower room doors. Keys for the new locks will be issued starting in May. Holders of old hard keys may return them for deposits, if applicable.

The Port Commission will consider adopting a new fee structure for electronic keys at an upcoming meeting. Future projects will involve upgrading restrooms and gates to electronic locks.

BOATYARD SPECIAL

**SAVE
20%
ON PAINT**

For the month of June, save 20% off on boat bottom paint purchased at the boatyard. Call (831) 475-3002 for more information and to schedule your haulout

Offer Expires June 30, 2015.

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