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NEWSLETTER
September 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWIN LAKES BEACHFRONT PROJECT
The Twin Lakes Beachfront Improvement Project aims to improve coastal access along East Cliff Drive from the harbor entrance at 5th Avenue to the intersection of East Cliff Drive and 7th Avenue. These improvements include the redesign and reconstruction of the bike lanes, parking, pedestrian paths, and beach access stairways and ramps. The hope is that these efforts will not only improve beach access, but also that they will protect and stabilize the beachfront and improve storm drainage. Project construction begins on Monday, September 19, and will take approximately nine months to complete.

For further information about this project, please visit the Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works website.

NET PENS RETURNING IN 2017
The Port District is pleased to welcome back the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project net pens for 2017. Both organizations have been looking forward to bringing the net pens back to the Santa Cruz Harbor while reducing the impacts of sea lions on boaters, paddlers and the public. In July, the Port District sent a letter of support requested by the Monterey Bay Salmon and Trout Project (MBSTP) for its Department of Fish and Wildlife permits.

According to MBSTP, a new net pen is under design that will do a number of things to benefit the MBSTP releases and the Santa Cruz Harbor. The new net pen will fit on a trailer for quicker assembly and will also take up less dock space. The fish will be from the Mokelumne River and will be offspring of late fall returning Chinooks that will be less likely to return to the Harbor during summer months. The new net pen will also be capable of being towed so the release of salmon will actually take place...
HAUNTED HARBOR RETURNS!

Harbor ghosts and goblins, pirates and princesses, get ready for tricks, treats and surprises at the Haunted Harbor. Join us for family fun and adventure on Saturday, October 29th.

More information to come.

SLIPS AVAILABLE!

The Port District currently has north harbor 45' slips available for wide boats.

To inquire, please contact the harbor office at (831) 475-6161.

COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S SPECIAL

20% Off Haulouts and Laydays for Commercial Fishermen!

Valid Sept. 1 - Nov. 15

Call (831) 475-3002 to schedule

WATER TAXI OPERATION

The free inner-harbor water taxi will end its operation on Monday, September 5th, at the end of Labor Day Weekend. Be sure to come visit the Santa Cruz Harbor and experience our free water taxi before the end of the season!

For more information about water taxi pick-up locations outside the Harbor.

The salmon from the Mokelumne River will be "salted" so their acclimation time will be reduced. The need to feed these juvenile salmon will be reduced because of the shorter acclimation period, and reducing the overall time spent in harbor waters. MBSTP anticipates releasing juvenile Chinooks in 2017.

DREDGE SEABRIGHT GONE TO NEW HOME

The Port District's old dredge, Seabright, has been disassembled and trucked away. The dredge was purchased by Camenzind Dredging of Palo Alto, California, for $5000. Camenzind did a speedy job of disassembling and removing Seabright and plans to reassemble and put her back in service as part of their fleet.

2016-17 DREDGE SEASON UPDATE

North Harbor Dredging

Dredging of the north harbor is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 3, 2016. Areas to be dredged and the anticipated pipeline configuration can be seen here. The crew plans to use the Port District's 8" dredge, Squirt, to dredge the North Harbor. Squirt was renovated last year with a new diesel engine that is compliant with State of California's emissions standards. Squirt's new engine also eliminates its previous 80-hour per year operating restriction. This enables the crew more time to get the job done within the operating window, which ends on February 28, 2017.

South Harbor Dredging

The western bays of B, C and D docks are slated for dredging this season to restore the areas to design depth of -8' MLLW (plus 2' overdepth allowance). The South Harbor berthing area dredging is anticipated to extend through April 2017. The new 75 hp Toyo submersible pump purchased earlier this year to supplement dredging operations may be deployed for this project. The dredging activity should provide an interesting backdrop for diners at Aldo's new temporary location on Mariner Park Lawn!

If you have a vessel in the areas that may be impacted by inner-harbor dredging operations, be sure to read all gate notices and check the harbor's website for the latest schedule updates and information.

Entrance Dredging

The dredge crew has been working very hard to mobilize the Port District's new 16" dredge, Twin Lakes, for service this season. Once outfitted with a new fendering system and the snorkel recycled from Seabright, she is expected to move to the harbor entrance on Monday, October 17th. Twin Lakes' engines are fully compliant with State of California standards for diesel emissions, and the addition of a new density meter will allow for more accurate measurement of daily dredge volumes.
and hours of operation, please click here.

PORT COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER
Regular Public Session
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016
7 PM

OCTOBER
Regular Public Session
Tuesday, October 25, 2016
7 PM

CURRENT FUEL PRICING

Gasoline: $2.55  Diesel: $2.35  Commercial: $2.25

The new dredge Twin Lakes at her off-season mooring

NOW HIRING!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Join our team at the Santa Cruz Harbor! The Port District is hiring for the following positions:

- Facilities Assistant
- Dredge Monitor
- Operations Assistant

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