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NEWSLETTER

September 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWIN LAKES BEACHFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The next phase of work for the project includes excavation along the beach to prepare for construction of a coastal protection structure along the south side of East Cliff Drive. The project's contractor, Graniterock Construction, is working with the County to finalize the design. Construction is expected to resume after Labor Day weekend, but prior to September 18, 2017. For more information and project updates, please visit the County's [website](#).

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY - SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

You're invited! Join Save Our Shores for the Annual Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 16, 2017. Every year, 1/2 million volunteers remove millions of pounds of trash from beaches across the globe. Local cleanup efforts occur at nearly every beach site in the Monterey Bay and includes creek, river and wetland sites as well. Please visit Save Our Shores' [website](#) for more information and sign-up materials. See you there!

CLASSIC CAR SHOW - OCTOBER 15, 2017

Come enjoy an afternoon of music, festivities, food, and of course, classic cars! Vintage cars, trucks, and motorcycles will be on display from 9 AM - 2 PM on Sunday, October 15, 2017, on the harbor's west side (near Mariner Park). This free, family-friendly event is open to the public, so come down and check it out!

If you have a classic car that you would like to display in the show, it's not too late to register, but space is limited! To register, click [here](#).

HAUNTED HARBOR - OCTOBER 28, 2017

The Port District will be hosting a haunted harbor trick-or-treat event for kids on October 28, 2017. More details coming soon!

Feeling spooky!? Help turn the harbor into a haunted Halloween spectacle. Decorate your vessel with lights and

WHALES RETURN TO THE BAY



Photo Credit: S. Lawson**WATER TAXI
OPERATION**

The free inner-harbor water taxi will end its operation on Monday, September 4th, at the conclusion 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 and hours of operation, please [click here](#).

**U.S. COAST GUARD
AUXILIARY
BOATING SAFETY
CLASS**

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering boating safety courses in Fall 2017!

Registration for the new classes takes place on Thursday, September 7, 2017, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, at the Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room (365 A Lake Avenue).

Click [here](#) for more details and registration information.

**PORT COMMISSION
MEETING
SCHEDULE****SEPTEMBER**

Regular Public Session
Tuesday, September 26,
2017
7 PM

OCTOBER

Regular Public Session
Tuesday, October 24, 2017
7 PM

**CURRENT FUEL
PRICING**

Gasoline: \$3.69
Diesel: \$2.89
Commercial Diesel: \$2.79

spooky decor and receive an electrical credit for the month of October.

ANCHOVY UPDATE

Port District staff activated the harbor's aerator system in July due to the presence of large schools of bait fish and thus low oxygen levels in the harbor waters.

When large schools of fish inundate the harbor it can reduce oxygen levels to a point where fish populations become stressed and die-off en masse. This has occurred several times in the harbor's history. The aerators play a critical role in preventing a fish die-off in the harbor by helping oxygenate the water.

A foam build-up, which may result in a grimy residue being deposited on vessels located in areas immediately adjacent to an aerator, can occur. If your vessel is located in close proximity to an aerator and you would like to be temporarily relocated, please contact the harbor office.

Staff will continue to monitor the situation by taking frequent oxygen saturation readings and utilizing the aerators as needed.

Staff is monitoring bait fish incursions entering the harbor and will activate the aerator system as needed. If you observe a fish die-off, please contact harbor staff immediately on VHF Channel 9, or call the harbor office at (831) 475-6161. Call 9-1-1 after hours.

2017-18 DREDGE OPERATIONS**NORTH HARBOR DREDGING**

Beginning October 2, 2017, crews plan to operate *Twin Lakes* in the north harbor to dredge the shoaled turning basin, X-J channel and culvert area. *Twin Lakes* will efficiently facilitate dredging to the 16' design depths allowed in the X-J fairway.

Crews will then move *Twin Lakes* to the south harbor to begin entrance dredging in early-November. Remaining dredging of the north harbor will be accomplished using the District's smaller, 8" dredge, *Squirt*.

ENTRANCE DREDGING

Crews will deploy *Twin Lakes* and begin dredging the federal entrance channel in early-November 2017. Once resumed, entrance dredging operations will continue through April 2018.

The typical dredge schedule is Monday - Thursday, with maintenance being performed on Fridays.

FROM THE HARBORMASTER

In an effort to increase boater safety, the Port District would like to remind all harbor users that **no vessel in the harbor waters shall exceed 5 miles per hour under any circumstances**. Vessel speed shall be further reduced if necessary so that at no time shall any vessel cause a significant wake.

The 5 mile per hour zone is defined as the area beginning immediately at the harbor entrance and continuing up the entire length of the channel and throughout the harbor. Thank you for your cooperation.

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