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NEWSLETTER
May 2018

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WATER TAXI OPERATION
The free inner-harbor water taxi is scheduled to begin operation over Memorial Day Weekend!

Beginning Saturday, May 26, 2018, 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 beach barbecues from 5 PM to 9 PM.

Passengers may be picked up and dropped off at the following locations:
- X1 Gate
- AA Dock (Aldo's)
- Launch Ramp

Click here for a detailed map of all water taxi pick-up and drop-off locations in the harbor. Parking is available for water taxi passengers in the north harbor near X-dock.

LIVE OAK PARKING PLAN
Enforcement of Santa Cruz County’s Live Oak Parking Program (LOPP) begins May 5, 2018, and will continue through the first weekend of September. Enforcement hours are 11 AM to 5 PM on Saturdays, Sundays, and summer holidays.

Please visit the program's website for additional information.

CROW’S NEST BEACH BARBECUES
Mark your calendars! The summer’s first Crow’s Nest beach barbecue is scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2018. The Crow’s Nest will host beach events each Thursday from 5:30 PM to sunset with live music and barbecue fare at Harbor Beach through August 30, 2018.

Please be aware that parking is very limited during the events. Carpooling, and/or other methods of transportation are highly encouraged to help reduce traffic in the area. Click here for more information about parking options in the area.
CRUZ RACE WEEK

Santa Cruz Yacht Club is hosting "Made in Santa Cruz Race Week," Saturday, May 19, 2018, through Monday, May 28, 2018.

Please visit Santa Cruz Yacht Club's website for additional information, event schedule and registration materials.

U.S. COAST GUARD BOATING SAFETY COURSE

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a boating safety class on Saturday, June 2, 2018, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at the Santa Cruz Harbor Public Meeting Room.

Please be reminded that this boating safety class fulfills the educational requirement to qualify for the California Boater Card.

Click here for more information about the course.

WELCOME MARK!

Welcome Mark, the Port District's new accounting technician!

Mark, a native of Santa Cruz, recently moved home after 15 years of studying and working in the Bay Area. After graduating from San Francisco State...

TWIN LAKES BEACHFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Twin Lakes Beachfront Improvement Project construction is ongoing, with recent work focusing on the coastal protection structure and roundabout at the intersection of 5th Avenue and East Cliff Drive. The County is working with the contractor to complete construction of the coastal protection structure and return sandy beach areas to public use by Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting.

Please visit the County's website for additional information and project updates.

VESSEL INSURANCE POLICY UPDATE

The Policy-Operations Committee hosted a third special public meeting on April 26, 2018, to review and discuss implementation of the proposed vessel insurance policy. The committee reached consensus on a policy recommendation to present to the full Commission for consideration at the regular public session on Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

The Port District would like to thank all attendees for their participation, ideas and feedback throughout the development of the proposed policy.

NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

National Safe Boating Week is May 19-25, 2018. Join the Port District in promoting safe boating by taking part in several fun and educational activities:

Free Vessel Safety Inspections by Coast Guard Auxiliary
Saturday, May 19, 2018
Santa Cruz Harbor Launch Ramp

Harbor Patrol Life Jacket Exchange for Children
Saturday, May 19, 2018, and Sunday, May 20, 2018
Santa Cruz Harbor Launch Ramp

We hope to see you here!

POST DREDGE SEASON UPDATE

Dredge operations have ended for the season. The entrance is navigable, and the crew made significant progress deepening the shoulder areas and north-west side (near Aldo’s), preventing this material from migrating into the inner-harbor. Crews have begun to demobilize Twin Lakes and other dredge equipment in preparation for off-season maintenance work.

All boaters are advised to check the most recent entrance sounding prior to transit. Boaters with deeper draft vessels are advised to be especially vigilant, particularly at lower tides.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Harbor Maintenance Worker I
Santa Cruz Harbor is seeking part-time, temporary employees to assist with seasonal maintenance duties from June -
University with a bachelor's degree in accounting, Mark worked in a variety of industries, including technology start-ups and non-profit agencies. He brings a comprehensive and diverse skill set to the harbor. Welcome!

PORT COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

MAY
Regular Public Session
Tuesday, May 22, 2018
7 PM

JUNE
Regular Public Session
Tuesday, June 26, 2018
7 PM

CURRENT FUEL PRICING

Gasoline: $4.35
Diesel: $3.59
Commercial Diesel: $3.49

September 2018. Three positions are available.

Applicants must be willing to perform manual labor, chipping and painting, groundskeeping work outdoors, and possess a valid California driver's license. Candidates must be comfortable working in a marine environment over and in the water, and on boats and docks. Work hours may vary depending on operational needs.

Click here for more information and application materials.

Aplication Deadline: Friday, May 11, 2018, 5:00 PM