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The Newsletter of the City of Monterey Waterfront

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Sanctuary Management Plan Review

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary has completed a series of twenty public scoping meetings for comments regarding how the Sanctuary is managed. Some 8,500 comments were received, many of them, we understand, coming electronically from across the Nation, from some of the Nation's largest environmental organizations. The City of Monterey and the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries both provided lengthy comments.

From the 8,500 comments, the Sanctuary staff synthesized them into 30 categories and numerous sub-issues. Examples of some of the sub-issues that are moving forward for consideration by the Sanctuary Program are as follows:

- Revised management plan and future actions must focus on primary goal of resource protection.
- Protect biodiversity by MBNMS adopting more fully protected areas, marine reserves, throughout Sanctuary.
- Move Sanctuary boundaries inside harbors.
- Adopt buffer zones around harbors.
- Sanctuaries should take active roles in reducing impacts of population growth.
- More education articles in media.
- Abide by existing language in designation documents and FEIS to limit role on fishing.
- Pursue fishing regulations only in Federal waters.
- Prohibit two-stroke engines in Sanctuary.

As you can see, there are

numerous issues which Monterey boaters will want to actively support or oppose. A full listing of the identified issues is available at the Harbor office. If you have opinions that you want to express about these issues there will be a public meeting on Friday, April 5, 2002 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Santa Cruz. Call the Harbor Office for the exact location of the meeting. You can also send comments in writing to:

Mr. Dan Basta, Director
National Marine Sanctuary Program
1305 East-West Highway, Rm 11523
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 ❖

We Salute Jim Herdan

On December 31, 2001, Jim Herdan removed his boat from his berth C-16 in Monterey Marina. This is noteworthy because Jim Herdan first placed this boat in his berth in Monterey Marina on March 26, 1962. He was by some great measure, the longest standing tenant in Monterey Harbor with the same vessel. The Mezuza was used as a commercial salmon trawler for most of its time. Don't worry about Jim. At age 89, he is happily living with his daughter and son-in-law in Monterey. ❖



Window on the Bay

The City has been pursuing a multi-year project known as "Window on the Bay", designed to open up the area between Del Monte Avenue and the ocean for public viewing and use. The City has recently acquired the "Catellus property" on the east and west of Wharf 2, and also including the Railroad Depot building formerly occupied by Royal Seafood. The major question for the City in the acquisition of this property is to what extent, if any, the existing buildings and uses will be preserved, eliminated, or moved.



For boaters, one of the central questions is the dry storage yard, presently located next to Pirate's Cove. While the City Council has yet to make a decision about the final disposition of this property, you should be aware that both the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club and City staff have been representing boating needs. Among the ideas being explored for the dry storage yard are to provide some basic improvements to it, such as paving, lighting, fencing, and a few utility centers. Questions as to the management of the yard and the eventual size of the yard are still very much up in the air. Please stay tuned to this emerging issue. ❖

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Marine Life Protection Act

Many of you will recall the controversy that surrounded the State of California Department of Fish & Game's release of proposed "no-fishing zones" off of Central California. This was part of the implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act, enacted by the State Legislature in 1999 and sponsored by Assemblyman Kevin Shelley. There was, in fact, such concern at both the scope of the marine reserves being proposed and, more importantly, the flawed public decision making process that was unfolding, that the Department of Fish & Game regrouped and has scrapped the original maps. They are now creating seven regional panels in California that will advise the Department on the scope of marine reserves in State waters.



While the Department of Fish & Game is making a better attempt at inclusive decision making through this new process, many people feel that the Marine Life Protection Act is inherently flawed. An effort is underway, led by the California Association of Harbormasters and Port Captains, a 54 year old professional organization of harbor managers, to try to get the Legislature to support amendments to the Marine Life Protection Act. These amendments would not throw out the idea of marine reserves in State waters, but are aimed to create a fair public process, one which utilizes a full array of science and which is consistent with Assemblyman Fred Keeley's Marine Life Management Act, which seeks to take the politics out of fishery decision-making. It is with some irony that we note that the

Marine Life Protection Act seemed to immediately insert politics again into a fishery issue. Finally, much of the language found in the existing Marine Life Protection Act is so vague and open to interpretation that guidance of the State Legislature is needed to provide the guidance the Department of Fish & Game needs to ever successfully implement this Act. The Harbormaster's Association is actively working with the environmental community to identify changes in the Act that we all can agree to. As fishing, both sport and commercial is of such great importance to so many of you, we will keep you informed. ❖

Waiting Lists

Since the last report in the *Tidelines*, the City of Monterey has offered four berths from the waiting list. Congratulations to Laurie Glantz-Murphy at H32, Gus & Millie Randazzo at I06, Ronald Thibault at H27, and Rick Wess at H29.



In addition, eight slips have been transferred under City rules to new owners with the purchase of operable and seaworthy vessels. They are Lanz Goldman at B16; Luke Hunt at B13; E.R. Brown at E19; Christopher Rodgers at A25; John Arnold at A24; Jonathan Vorrath at D03; Joe Rossi at B20; and Steve Wendt at A69.

We have also offered one mooring from the mooring wait list. Congratulations to Dutch Meyer. ❖

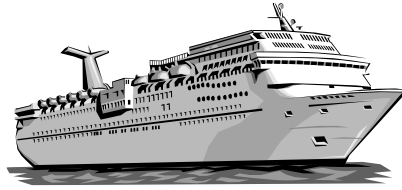
Three Cruise Ships Schedule Monterey Port Calls

Monterey has not had a cruise ship visit for five years, but this year three ships have scheduled port calls. The first visit scheduled for Tuesday, May 7th, is Princess Cruise Lines, "Star Princess". At 950 feet, it should be hard to miss, anchored approximately one half mile off the breakwater.

On September 18th, Royal Caribbean's "Grandeur of the Sea", at about 900 feet, is scheduled to call. Finally, on October 9th, Harmony Cruise Line's "Crystal Harmony", the smallest at approximately 650 feet, will enter Monterey Bay. All of these ships will be in the area from approximately 8 AM to 5 PM for single days.

These ships will tender their passengers to the Fisherman's Wharf

Guest Dock, where they will be immediately dispersed throughout the community, shopping, eating, going to the Aquarium, playing golf, etc. There have been a series of environmental concerns associated with some of the cruise lines in the past. Be assured the City of



Monterey is taking steps to make sure that these cruise lines are good guests to our Bay and to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. ❖

Boating Under the Influence (BUI)

If you are convicted of operating a boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the court may sentence you to jail for up to 6 months, order you to take a boating safety course, suspend your vehicle driver's license, and assess fines of up to \$1,000. A subsequent conviction of operating under the influence (vehicle or vessel) within 7 years of a prior conviction could result in fines of up to \$1,000, jail for up to one year, mandatory boating course, and mandatory driver's license suspension for up to 5 years. The length of suspension or revocation is based on the number and type of violations accumulated by the individual.

Be smart, don't mix alcohol and drugs with boating operation. ❖

Oily Bilge Water Pumpout Device

Remember to use the oily bilge water pumpout device located at Breakwater Cove fuel pier. It's free, it's easy and it will help keep the ocean environment clean and it might save you a big fine by preventing an accidental discharge of oil into the water. Give it a try the next time you're at the fuel pier. ❖

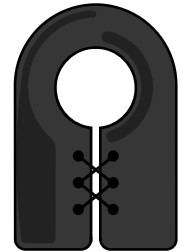
Surf the Harbor Web Site

For those of you who are wired in and on line, the Harbor has a internet web site that can be found at www.monterey.org/harbor. If you have suggestions for additional materials or information you think would benefit the waterfront community, let the us know. ❖

Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids

The Monterey Fire Department has applied for and received the necessary funding from The Boat U.S. Foundation for Boating Safety Life Jacket Loaner Program for Kids to support the Monterey waterfront area. Monterey Bay Kayaks on the east side of our harbor near Wharf 2, and Aquarius II on the west side near the breakwater launch ramp, have been selected as partners to provide free children's life jackets for short-term loan throughout the boating season starting in early May.

The US Coast Guard requires recreational boats to have a wearable life jacket on board for each passenger, but life jackets suitable for children aren't always carried. "Children 12 and under are especially at risk on and near the water. A properly sized life jacket can be the difference between life and death for a small child," said Boat U.S. Foundation Director, Ruth Wood. The life jackets come in three sizes: infant, child and youth. A boater merely signs out for the jacket (s) and returns it at the end of the day or weekend.

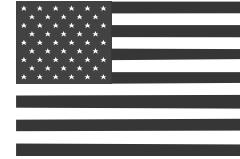


If you would like to borrow a life jacket, stop by Monterey Bay Kayaks or Aquarius II during their business hours after the first two weeks in May. ❖



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