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The Newsletter of the City of Monterey Waterfront

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City Council Approves Rate Increases for Outer Harbor and Marina

The Monterey City Council approved rate increases for East and Outer Harbor moorings, Marina Berthing, and Marina transient berthing.

As per our contracts with the State of California, the Marina berthing rate will be increased by the CPI adjustment for the San Francisco/Oakland index. This amounts to 3.3%; therefore, all Marina berthing rates will increase by that amount effective July 1, 2003. A complete breakdown of the rates as they apply to individual berth sizes, including amendments and adjustments, is available at the Harbor Office.

The East Mooring rates, which have never been changed since the moorings were established in 1995, were increased by approximately 10%. For vessels under 30' the monthly rate is now \$83, 30' - 40' is \$110, 41' - 54' is \$138, and over 55' is \$165. This also will be effective July 1, 2003.

Outer Harbor rates will also increase slightly on July 1, 2003. Per City Council policy adopted May 1, 2001, Outer Harbor rates will increase by the same San Francisco/Oakland index as the Marina berthing rates. However, since these are very small amounts, the City may cumulate these rate increases over two or more years and do them all at once. The Outer Harbor mooring rates will be increased by

approximately 5.1%, which represents the 1.8% for 2001/2002 and a 3.3% CPI adjustment for 2002/2003. The new quarterly rates are \$126 for Monterey residents and \$158 for non-residents.

Transient berthing rates also increased. This rate is variable depending on berth sizes, and the City has now instituted specific rates for each berth size. Overall, the rates are going up by approximately 10%, although some rates for larger berths are going up more than the smaller berths. A complete listing of the new transient berthing rates, which will be in effect July 1, 2003, is available at the Harbor Office. ❖

Mid-Wharf Restroom

As you may be aware, some members of the general public have complained that the mid-wharf restroom is closed to them and only available to boaters and boaters' guests. This issue was briefly heard by the Monterey City Council in March, but a full testimony and decision was postponed to a future date. The date to again hear this issue has not yet been set, but as we know this is an issue of some importance to Marina boaters, we will keep you informed. ❖

Minor Rule Change to Vessel Berth Transference - Moratorium Lifted

The Monterey City Council recently adopted an amendment to the Marina code section that governs a boater's ability to replace a vessel when he or she has purchased the vessel and assumed the berth license agreement.

The new rule will do two things. It extends the time period for vessel replacement under these circumstances to thirty months. However, it also gives a credit if people have already been on the Marina waiting list. This credit would amount to one month's less wait for each two months in which the individual has been on the waiting list.

In this way, someone who had already been on the waiting list for 60 months at the time that he or she purchased a boat in the Marina and transferred the berth license could effectively replace that boat immediately and not have to wait at all. It also reinforces the waiting list as the primary method of obtaining a berth and rewards people's planning for their boating needs around the waiting list.

The City Council acted on this issue at their May 20th meeting. The moratorium on signing new berth license agreements for transferred slips is now lifted. ❖

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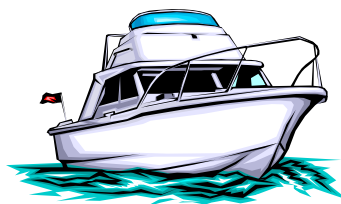
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Limits for Long-term Transient Boaters

Your harbor staff takes its mission to deliver boating opportunities to the public quite seriously. There are, however, occasional competing demands that require prioritization of our efforts. One example of this is the phenomena of a growing number of boaters who want to stay in the marina as very long-term transients, paying the higher transient rate. This is great, as it fills berths to the benefit of both slip licensees and the Marina.

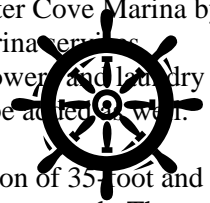
However, the conflict occurs when we fill up our transient berths to the extent that we cannot accommodate our short-term transients (those individuals who use the launch ramp or come in by sea wanting to stay in the Marina for a night to a couple of weeks).

We have reached the point where this conflict needs to be resolved and we will do it by creating some specific time limits for our long-term transients during the summer and early fall when we have the highest demand by short-term transients. Long-term transient boaters will be asked to leave the Marina for one-month periods during this time to open up our facilities to others. We will ask long-term transients to leave based on the size of berth that we feel we need to make available. ❖



Breakwater Cove

At the request of Breakwater Cove Marina, the Monterey City Council has given a preliminary conceptual approval of a plan to expand Breakwater Cove Marina by 20 berths. A marina expansion building with shower and laundry facilities would be added to the plan.



A combination of 35-foot and 50-foot berths is proposed. The City's waiting list for marina berths would be utilized to fill these berths. Approximately nine moorings would need to be relocated to make room for this expansion. This would occur through attrition in the mooring field, and not from the eviction of any boater.

The owners of Breakwater Cove made a strong case that the extra revenue from the berths is needed to pay for the planned reconfiguration of the fuel dock, and because the slowdown in commercial fishing has reduced boatyard income.

In giving this tentative approval, the City Council opens the door for Breakwater Cove Marina to apply for all the other necessary permits from the California Coastal Commission, U S Army Corps of Engineers, and the City's own Community Development Department. There will be many opportunities for public comment about this potential expansion project. ❖

Waiting Lists

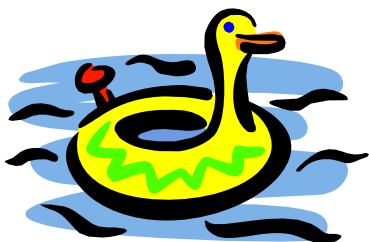
Since the last report in *Tidelines*, the City of Monterey has offered ten berths from the waiting list. Congratulations to:

Linda McLennan at F19
 Rolf Stock at F08
 Hans Rasmussen at C22
 Nels Wiegand at C16
 Theresa & Brian Brooks at C20
 Paul Dumas at E04
 Peter Plinck at H29
 Don Dakan at H32
 Doug Oldfield at B28
 William Srigley at G08

In addition, there are 9 new boat owners who now have had berths transferred under City rules.

In the Outer Harbor we have released one 40-foot mooring from the wait list. Congratulations to Buddy Fincher on this mooring assignment.

We have also had eighteen tenants take advantage of the City's Berth Leave Option Program since this policy was added to our regulations in June 2001. For half a month's berthing fee paid only once a year, these folks have released their berths back to the City. If/when they decide to return to the Marina they may obtain a berth, similar to the one released, granted ahead of the regular waiting list. ❖



MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY FORUM FOR COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN

SATURDAY JUNE 7 FROM 1:30 TO 4:00 PM

**MOSS LANDING MARINE LABS SEMINAR ROOM
 8272 Moss Landing Road, Moss Landing**

Directions at: <http://www.mlml.calstate.edu/intro/environ.htm>

As part of the Management Plan Review for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS), a variety of draft plans have recently been developed by public workgroups of the Sanctuary Advisory Council. Several of these plans address ecosystem protection issues that are in some way related to fishing including:

- Fishing-related research and education
- Effects of trawling on bottom habitats
- Krill harvesting
- Potential use of special Marine Protected Areas
- Potential inclusion of the Davidson Seamount into the MBNMS

These plans have been developed over the past several months by diverse groups of individuals, representing agencies, fishermen and environmental organizations working together. They are intended to provide advice to the Sanctuary Advisory Council on future efforts for the Sanctuary program and its partners. MBNMS staff, in coordination with the Alliance of Communities for Sustainable Fisheries and United Anglers of California, have organized a discussion forum for fishermen to receive more information on these topics. All fishermen, both commercial and recreational, are invited to attend this forum to learn about the recommendations in these draft plans, ask questions and share concerns. For more information, contact Huff McGonigal at (831) 647-4254. ❖

Public Hoist Reminder

We ask all users of the hoist to remember your training and the City's rules for hoist use. In particular, please remember that the hoist arm and drum must be directly over the lifting load. If you try to lift from an angle the cable will double wrap around the drum, cutting the cable. The cost for replacing the cable is about \$900, so you don't want to misuse the hoist and end up having to pay for its repair. If you have any questions please contact us at the Harbor office. ❖

It's Free!

We would like to remind everyone that our oily water bilge pump-out station located at Breakwater Cove Marina is fully operational and is provided at no charge for your convenience. Even small amounts of oil, fuel and non-biodegradable soaps affect our water quality and ocean habitat. With salmon and squid fishing creating lots of activity, we have had a number of accidental spills. Please contact the Harbor Office as soon as you notice a problem, we are here to help. ❖

Marina Berth Rates – Effective July 1, 2003

| TIER | BERTH | SIZE | MONTHLY | ANNUAL# | |
|------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| A | 4, 6-8, 10, 12 | 50' x 19' | \$348 | \$3,758 | |
| | 9, 11 | 45' x 19' | \$320 | \$3,456 | |
| | 13 - 18* | 45' x 15' | \$304 | \$3,283 | |
| | 19 - 34 | 45' x 14' | \$304 | \$3,283 | |
| | 35 - 58 | 40' x 14' | \$280 | \$3,024 | |
| | 59 - 80* | 35' x 13' | \$257 | \$2,776 | |
| | 81 - 82 | 35' x 14' | \$257 | \$2,776 | |
| B | 1 - 36* | 30' x 11' | \$221 | \$2,387 | |
| | odd | 37 - 57 | \$242 | \$2,614 | |
| | even | 38 - 58 | \$230 | \$2,484 | |
| | | 59 | \$257 | \$2,776 | |
| | | 60 | \$230 | \$2,484 | |
| C | 1 - 04 | 25' x 11' | \$187 | \$2,020 | |
| | 5 - 40 | 25' x 10' | \$183 | \$1,976 | |
| D | 1 - 34* | 30' x 11' | \$221 | \$2,387 | |
| | 35 - 58 | 30' x 12' | \$230 | \$2,484 | |
| | 59 - 60 | 30' x 13' | \$230 | \$2,484 | |
| E | 1 - 36 | 25' x 11' | \$187 | \$2,020 | |
| | 37 - 40 | 25' x 10' | \$183 | \$1,976 | |
| F | 1 - 44 | 20' x 9' | \$122 | \$1,318 | |
| | G | 1* | 26' x 11' | \$200 | \$2,160 |
| | | 2 - 18* | 35' x 12' | \$242 | \$2,614 |
| | | 19 - 27 | 35' x 13' | \$257 | \$2,776 |
| 28 | | 35' x 14' | \$257 | \$2,776 | |
| H | 1 - 2, 5 | 50' x 24' | \$374 | \$4,039 | |
| | 3 - 4 | 50' x 19' | \$348 | \$3,758 | |
| | 6 - 14* | 50' x 17' | \$335 | \$3,618 | |
| | 15 - 24 | 50' x 15' | \$320 | \$3,456 | |
| | 25 - 34 | 25' x 10' | \$183 | \$1,976 | |
| I | 1 - 10 | 20' x 10' | \$122 | \$1,318 | |
| | 11 - 14 | Side-Tie | \$109 | \$1,177 | |

***Transformer Berths**

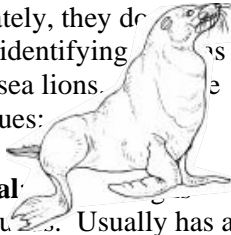
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| A17 | 39' x 15' | \$263 | \$2,840 |
| A61 | 28' x 13' | \$210 | \$2,268 |
| B1/B31 | 24' x 11' | \$177 | \$1,912 |
| D1/D31 | 24' x 11' | \$177 | \$1,912 |
| G15 | 29' x 12' | \$194 | \$2,095 |
| H13 | 44' x 17' | \$301 | \$3,251 |

Non-standard berthing fishing vessel rate \$4.80

Annual rate reflects a 10% discount

Seals and Sea Lions – Which is Which and What to Do

You're strolling the beach or marina and you come upon a sea lion. Or is it a seal? How can you tell? Unfortunately, they do not wear nametags identifying harbor seals or sea lions. Here are some helpful clues:



- **Harbor Seal:** 200-300 pounds. Usually has a spotted coat in a variety of shades, from silver-gray to black or dark brown. No visible earflaps. Spends half its time on land, half in the water. Moves like a caterpillar and can be seen at the breakwater
- **California Sea Lion:** Adult weighs 200-900 pounds. Has stubby ears, will raise its body up using its front flippers and will use its hind flippers to move forward on land. Light brown when dry, dark brown when wet. Can be seen in large numbers on the breakwater, hauled out on navigation buoys, and occasionally on docks and people's boats.

If you encounter a marine mammal on the beach or dock:

1. Don't touch it! They are really quick and have big teeth and can bite you and/or your pet. They also carry parasites harmful to humans and pets. Also, it's a felony if you touch or harm a marine mammal.
2. If you think the animal is injured or sick, call the Marine Mammal Center at 831-633-6298. Sometimes the animals are resting and sometimes they need assistance. Let the experts decide! If the animal is in the Harbor or close by call us at 646-3950.

3. Don't throw water on seals, sea lions or elephant seals. They are trying to get warm. Throwing water on them will just make them cold.

This article was adapted from one written by Pat Henry, Staff at Santa Barbara Harbor. ❖

Volunteers in the Marina

You may have noticed City volunteers diving in the Marina. They are a dedicated group of scientific research individuals assisting us in collecting and removing invasive kelp that has made its way here from Japan, traveling up and down the coast by means of traveling boats. This kelp endangers our local brown kelp and if not eradicated could possibly alter the eco-system enough to affect other plants and animals. So far the kelp has not been seen in the outer harbor. If you see the volunteers, be sure to thank them.

While we are on the subject of volunteers, some of you may have noticed the new landscaping around the Harbor Office and promenade areas. Much of this is also due to the City volunteer program. Another little known volunteer effort is being done by divers doing clean-up around Wharf 2 in order to protect our sea otters from fishing line and other debris. ❖

Cruise Ship "Mercury" Visits Monterey

For seven consecutive Sundays beginning March 16th the Celebrity Cruise Lines ship the "Mercury" paid a daylight hours port call to Monterey. Despite the threatening weather, the "Mercury" visit dates, the "Mercury" were able to safely get off the ship and visit Monterey for each of these port calls. Passengers and local merchants alike seemed to be quite pleased with these visits. Environmentally there were no issues, as the ship withheld all of its discharges during its entire stay within the boundaries of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.



The "Mercury" is a ship that may be able to discharge treated gray and black water in the future as it has a very sophisticated treatment system aboard that actually creates drinkable water from these waste materials. The "Mercury" is awaiting approval from the US Coast Guard and other State and Local agencies before it discharges this water into the Sanctuary.

In June and again in August, Monterey will be visited by "The World" - a cruise ship that is run as a floating condominium complex with purchased units. This is a smaller cruise ship with only 250 passengers.

This fall the "Mercury" will again be in Monterey for six more visits during September and October. ❖

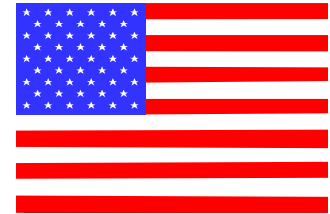
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NOAA Weather Kiosk

The City is working cooperatively with the National Marine Sanctuary Program (NOAA) to develop a computer screen weather information station that can be accessed from outside of the Harbor Office. The Sanctuary Program is paying for nearly all the costs of this system with the City committed to paying for the internet connection. This should be a great addition to services for boaters and the general public, as the public can access all the latest weather and sea condition reports available from NOAA. We appreciate the support of the Sanctuary Program for this project. ❖

Wireless Internet Service

This article is not meant to be a commercial for a private company, but we do think that the boating public will be interested to know that a company is providing wireless internet service that will be available to Marina and Outer Harbor tenants. The company that provides this service may be contacted at 831-384-3617. ❖



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