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Dinghy Dock Extensions Weigh in, H, J, & K permit holders!

Your input can make the difference. Responding to an NMA email and the City's postal notice, 14 people wrote Harbor Resources in support of the dock extension projects; several NMA members and NMA directors spoke in person, and the Fernando St (*.pdf - 288KB) and 15th St (*.pdf - 273 KB) dock extensions were approved in concept at the April 9th Harbor Commission ("HC") meeting. The next step for these projects will be to have more detailed plans drawn.

The 19th St (*.pdf - 264KB) dock extension met with significant homeowner opposition due to noise, fishing, trash, and vehicle traffic from the existing public pier, so the HC recommended further study and outreach, followed by reconsideration. Harbor area boaters, drawn to McFadden wharf area bars and restaurants, need to consider 19th St. neighbors' expectations of peace and quiet around this public access point.

The Harbor Resources <u>staff report</u> (*.pdf - 1.34MB) on the dinghy dock extension projects contains more information. Please read it, then weigh in with your support and your constructive ideas.

H, J, and K field permit holders need to provide input on the 19th St. dock extension, so that a **balance of input** from all stakeholders may be presented to the HC. When this HC meeting date has been determined, we will post it here.

Commissioner Corrough wisely urged the 19th St. extension reconsideration be accomplished quickly so all three extension projects could be carried forward

Meetings

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Clean Boating Act of 2008 Passes!

And it received the President's signature!

No new EPA permits for boats required!

In a rare show of bipartisan support, both the House and Senate passed S. 2766, which saves 17 million American boaters from having to procure ludicrous EPA permits for things such as rainwater discharge from boat decks.

Thank you Congress!. For more, click.

Harbor Resources News

The City of Newport Beach has a new Harbor Resources Manager. Tom Rossmiller has retired, but will work part time on special issues such as dredging. Tom's right hand for several years, Chris Miller, has been selected the new Manager. You will find Chris to be responsive, knowledgeable, capable. Congratulations, Chris! Read the latest Manager's Updates [July-(pdf--3.43MB)], August-(pdf--1.36MB)], September-(pdf--1.01MB)].

City of Newport Beach Live News Feed

What's going on in Newport Beach? Are any boat auctions upcoming? (YES! Click here!) When this feed is working, you'll see a blue box below with news; you can click to the news feed from the City of Newport Beach, or simply view it below:

City of Newport Beach News Updated :

Pianist Beth Sussman

Sunday Musicale "Just Desserts"wit... Publ.Date: 9/16/2008 1:53:27 PM

Newport Banning Ranch Application Alert The City of Newport Beach Planning... Publ.Date: 9/15/2008 12:03:30 PM concurrently to maximize staff efficiency.

Commissioner Beek thoughtfully recommended taking another look at dinghy storage alternatives at a future Harbor Commission meeting.

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Prefer email? Lend your support!

Email Harbor Resources with your input.

Slippery Sea Lions

If you need to rethink your sea lion deterrents, please see the NMA Pinniped Pointers page in the NMA documents library. Sea Lions are back in town! Your continuing effort to keep sea lions off of your boat helps all of us.

Jiggling Jellyfish

Around the harbor we've seen smacks of moon jellyfish. Have you seen them?

NMA Newsletters

The Pennant is the official newsletter of the Newport Mooring Association. Current and past editions are found on the <u>Newsletters</u> page.

City Hall and Park Design Presentations Thefive teams participating in the ... Publ.Date: 9/12/2008 5:10:48 PM

Draft Zoning Code Update

The draft zoning code includes new ... Publ.Date: 9/12/2008 1:28:50 PM

Art Exhibit - Paul G. Bryan, Jr. Paul G. Bryan, Jr. Art Exhibit ... Publ. Date : 9/9/2008 9:36:13 AM

Seasoned with Theatre

Theatre Classesfor Children at the ... Publ. Date: 9/8/2008 12:11:41 PM

Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Dec An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative... Publ.Date: 9/4/2008 4:49:31 PM

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What's up with fees?

The Daily Pilot ran an <u>article</u> on April 22 on the final draft of the new City of Newport Beach Fees <u>study</u> (*.pdf - 124KB). Recent economic challenges across the nation would seem to favor a study to align costs with income, but the theme of the study is raising fees to align with costs. If the link to the Daily Pilot site goes down, the article is <u>reproduced</u> (*.pdf - 301KB). on the NMA site.

Slip Survey

Recently, the City's Revenue office has sent to real property owners a <u>survey</u> (*.pdf - 314KB) in advance of issuing new, paper pier permits. The survey asks whether pier and slip space is rented and asks permit holders to report vessel identification for the vessels secured. Again, this survey comes from the City's Revenue department.

City ordinance 17.35.020(A)(4) (*.pdf - 297KB) (opens to p. 49) states that shore-connected piers bayward of commercial zones may be rented. If other piers are not to be rented, to raise revenue, will the City elect to issue higher-revenue commercial pier permits to residential users who have rented their piers?

Vessel Pumpout Stations

Here is a handy chart of vessel <u>pumpout stations</u> (*.pdf - 327KB) and public piers around Newport Harbor. The 15th St. pumpout station is operational; it has two redundant systems so it's very likely to always be operational.

Rhine Wharf progress

The <u>Daily Pilot</u> reports that the City is responding to citizen concerns about noise at the proposed Rhine Wharf dinghy dock after receiving <u>conditional approval</u> (*.pdf - 3.06MB) from the Coastal Commission. This article focuses primarily on sailors' progress with the five knot harbor wide speed restriction recently under study.

How grows the eelgrass?

At the May 14th Harbor Commission meeting, Chris Miller

Harbor Commission Meetings

The Newport Beach Harbor Commission meets on the second Wednesday each month. Look here for agendas posted the Friday evening before each Harbor Commission meeting. Several days following each meeting, minutes are posted on the same page.

Harbor Resources Updates

Each month, the Harbor Resources Manager presents to the Harbor Commission a very helpful update on projects he is working on. You can find these updates archived here.

Newport Harbor Dredging

Here is a Google News live feed on news related to <u>dredging</u> the harbor.

Newport Harbor Commission Discusses Dredging Plans -

Newport Harbor Commission Discusses Dredging Plans
The Log Newspaper, CA - Aug 21, 2008 13 Harbor
Commission meeting. Problematic Sediment As a
dredging project nears its end in Upper Newport Bay, city
officials are scrambling to finalize ...

Publ.Date: Thu, 21 Aug 2008 18:29:15 GMT

Dana Point Harbor Boaters Study Finds More Day-Us...
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Boats The Log Newspaper, CA - Sep 4, 2008 This harbor
is very unique, explained Beard, a passionate sailor who
keeps his 40-foot boat in East Basin and his J-24 at
Dana Point YC. Newport Harbor ...

Publ.Date : Thu, 04 Sep 2008 19:06:46 GMT

THE HARBOR COLUMN: Big boat show comes to town - Dai

THE HARBOR COLUMN: Big boat show comes to town Daily Pilot, CA - Sep 5, 2008 ... prolific in Newport Harbor . Dock owners who are getting ready to dredge might want to invite a couple of green sea turtles to munch on the eel grass. ...

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RSS feeds Increased Website Traffic reported on a CRM contract modification to help document <u>eelgrass</u> (*.pdf - 1.82MB) beds in the harbor.

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