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News Items

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Fees study/appraisal

Recent economic challenges suggest either you're big enough to get a bail out, or you align costs with income. Taking a different tack, begun a few years ago, the City commissioned studies to find ways to raise fees to align with costs.

Finally, the City's periodic harbor valuation, for the purpose of adjusting harbor-related fees, is complete, with the professors' submission of their [economic report](#) (pdf-3.82MB) . How did this all begin?

On June 13, 2006, City Council approved this [three-part harbor valuation study](#) (pdf - 2.71MB) . Part one of the evaluation, the Netzer Appraisal, presents a glaring [flaw](#) (*.pdf - 336KB) of comparison; it suggests no adjustments are needed for the disparity in value-added services and private access between full-service yacht club moorings to those permitted to individuals.

Some of you have helped bring the appraisal to the attention of City leadership by [sending this letter voicing concern](#) with the appraisal.

The City Manager responded, "...*the appraiser will be available in public meetings to justify his methodology. You can question him then, with Council listening.*" The time and date?

December 16th, City Council Chambers at 2 PM, before the Finance Committee (the appraiser was not there).

Part two of the evaluation is a [harbor-specific cost of services study](#) (pdf--2.33MB) commissioned from Maximus. Also see the [appendices](#) (*.pdf-90 KB) . This study, the appraisal, and the just-released professors' economic report constitute the three-pronged evaluation of Newport Harbor on which the City will rely for determination of new fees harbor-wide.

Part three of the evaluation, the economic study has been two years in the making. We had one week to review it before it was presented to the

Meetings

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NMA Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meets monthly to review projects and conduct business. Mooring permit holders are welcome to attend. The date and time of the next board meeting is:

Wednesday, 1 April 2009, at 6PM

at Newport Harbor Yacht Club, upstairs in the Burgee of Merit Room. You are welcome to park in the parking lot.

NMA Members are welcome to attend!

Newport Harbor Yacht Club

720 W Bay Av
Balboa, CA 92663

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Mooring Appraisal Critique

The Newport Mooring Association has received, from an [MAI-designated](#) independent appraiser, a critique of the City's Appraisal of Newport Harbor Moorings. Specifically, it addresses the direct comparison of yacht club moorings to individually permitted moorings with no adjustments. We suspected that such a comparison was not valid, but what does a professional have to say about this? Read the [appraiser's critique](#) (pdf--320 KB) .

Harbor Resources News

The City of Newport Beach has a new Harbor Resources [Supervisor](#) (pdf--10.5 KB) . Shannon Levin comes to Harbor Resources from the City's Code Enforcement and Water Quality Department. Learn more about Shannon in this story by [The Log](#). Congratulations, Shannon!

Harbor Resources Manager Chris Miller presents the Harbor Commission with an update on projects and issues each month. Here is a link to his April 2009 [Update](#) (pdf--267 KB) . Click [here](#) to find other updates

City Council Finance Committee (at time & date mentioned above). Please take the initiative to familiarize yourself with the three documents. The liveaboard inspection fee, for instance, is suggested increased from [\\$184/yr to \\$822/yr](#) ([links to p. 17 of the professors' report from above; pdf-3.82MB](#)). Please share your insights with us; send us an email.

For updates on this story, read the [Harbor Fees Study page](#).

Read [The Log's coverage](#) of the Finance committee meeting, released 2008-12-24.

2008 Mooring Fee Survey

Byron Grams just updated the NMA [mooring fee comparison survey](#) (Word doc--50KB) (or [view as webpage](#)) for harbors in southern California. It's worth a read. It shows what harbors elsewhere in the state charge for a mooring permit.

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Do you need to reach Harbor Resources?
[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. This year [sea lions are "loving" the area south of Lido Isle, "F," "H," & "J" fields](#), and private piers in this area. Your continuing effort to keep sea lions off of your boat helps all of us. Sea lions have sunk about [ten boats](#) in Newport Harbor, recently including a 1950's [Star](#) boat.

At the October Harbor Commission meeting, a shortened time frame for notification of permit holders of sea lion problems was approved. Formerly a permit holder had 30 days to effect sea lion deterrents; now the permit holder has just [ten days](#) (pdf--53KB) from the first warning letter.

NMA Newsletters

Your eyes are now reading lines of the NMA *Electric Pennant*, our online newsletter, available only online. It has a hardcopy cousin, *NMA Pennant*, mailed to all dues-paid NMA members, and is the official newsletter of the Newport Mooring Association. After members receive it via postal mail, recent and past editions are available on the [Newsletters](#) page.

on the Harbor Resources site.

Jiggling Jellyfish

There are fewer moon jellyfish around than earlier in the summer. Have you [seen](#) them? Did you know that NASA took some of them into [outer space](#) for study?

Dinghy storage racks

Commissioner Beek's suggestion of taking another look at dinghy storage alternatives at a future Harbor Commission meeting has not yet been placed on the agenda.

I have a simple question

You may [find your answer](#) in our list of FAQs.

We always appreciate your continuing support and valued opinions.

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Dinghy Dock Extensions Moving forward!

Your input helped make the difference. At the September Harbor Commission meeting, Harbor Resources Manager Chris Miller [reported](#) that a contract for [Fernando St](#) (*.pdf - 288KB) , [15th St](#) (*.pdf - 273 KB) and the [19th St](#) (*.pdf - 264KB) dock extensions is being negotiated.

The City worked with homeowners adjacent to the 19th St. dock extension to alleviate their concerns about noise, fishing, trash, and parking from the existing public pier. 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 [staff report](#) (*.pdf - 1.34MB) on the dinghy dock extension projects contains more information on the projects. Due to success with meeting neighbors' concerns, facilitated by Carter Ford, no further Harbor Commission presentation was required.

Slip Survey

The City's Revenue office sent to real property owners a [survey](#) (*.pdf - 314KB) in advance of issuing new 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

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Mooring Transfers

The January Harbor Commission meeting saw the presentation of the draft on mooring transferability after a ten-month stop at the City Attorney's office. The document represents hundreds of hours of citizen volunteer and City Staff time updating pertinent sections of City ordinances relating to mooring transfers. This project actually began about a year before the 2007 [Orange County Grand Jury investigation](#) of City mooring administration. You are welcome to review the [mooring transferability draft](#) (*.pdf - 150KB) , and Harbor Resources' [staff report](#) on it. Following the City Attorney's review of the subcommittee's draft, the document was presented to the Harbor Commission for approval, but the commission recommended it back to the subcommittee for some further consideration of educational institution and sailing club mooring ownership and other details. Perhaps the revised draft might return for a February or March Harbor Commission review. The Log ran [a story about the January Harbor Commission meeting](#) at which transferability was addressed. You are encouraged to read the transferability draft itself for clarification.

Harbor Commission Meetings

The Newport Beach Harbor Commission meets on the second Wednesday each month. **This month's meeting is May 13th in City Council Chambers at 6PM.** 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

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 [pumpout stations](#) (*.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 be always operational.

Rhine Wharf progress

The City has responded to citizen concerns about noise at the proposed Rhine Wharf dinghy dock after receiving [conditional approval](#) (*.pdf - 3.06MB)  from the Coastal Commission. At the January 2009 Harbor Commission meeting, Chris Miller reported that the Army Corps reported he would have the City's permit for this public dock before January 16th.

How grows the eelgrass?

At the May 14th Harbor Commission meeting, Chris Miller reported on a CRM contract modification to help document [eelgrass](#) (*.pdf - 1.82MB)  beds in the harbor. Better technology led to the [discovery](#) (*.pdf - 1.29MB)  that there is less eelgrass in the channels than previously reported by the Army Corps of Engineers. Investigation into eelgrass proliferation helps establish a baseline for eelgrass management and mitigation going forward, a key component of the HAMP. You can learn more about the [HAMP](#) here.

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Here is a link to the [City's dredging and CAD site page](#). You can [click here to a Google search of blogs](#) which discuss Newport Harbor dredging. Or, below, see a Google News live feed on news related to [dredging](#) the harbor. If there are any recent stories on this topic, they will appear in the blue box below. For history buffs, click here to a [Google News archive query on Newport Harbor dredging](#).

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