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News Items

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.

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 only have a week to review it before it will be presented to the City Council Finance Committee (at time & date mentioned above). Please take the initiative to familiarize yourself with the

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Meetings

Board Meetings

The board meets monthly to review projects and conduct NMA business; next meeting:

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009,

at the 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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Harbor Resources News

The City of Newport Beach has a new Harbor Resources [Manager](#). Tom Rossmiller has retired, but has been retained as a special consultant on a plan to dredge the harbor. 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 his November [Update](#) (pdf--4.67MB) .

City of Newport Beach Live News Feed

What's going on in Newport Beach? Have there been any boat auctions recently? (**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:

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[Annual Status Report on Development Impact Fees](#)

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three documents. The liveboard 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.

Update! Read the [City Council Finance committee harbor fees study meeting wrap-up report](#).

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) for harbors in southern California. It's worth a read. It shows what harbors elsewhere in the state charge for a mooring permit.

Harbor Resources Department

829 Harbor Island Dr., Newport Beach, CA 92660

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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

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General Plan/LCP Implementation Committee Agenda

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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 here](#).

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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 to be rented, to raise revenue, will the City elect to issue higher-revenue

Clean Boating Act of 2008 Passes!

And it received the President's [signature!](#)

Mercifully, no new EPA permits for boats will be 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 Commission Meetings

The Newport Beach Harbor Commission meets on the second Wednesday each month. **Next meeting: January 14th, 6PM, City Council chambers.** 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 [dredging](#) the harbor.

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" [City hall design goes to vote](#) Daily Pilot, CA - Jan 8, 2009 Business owners say proposed increases on a number of services on and around Newport Harbor are unfair. By Brianna Bailey Newport Beach dock and pier ...
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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. This project is now pending Army Corps evaluation of that outreach.

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.

We always appreciate your continuing support and valued opinions.

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Clean Boating Networking

[American Legion Yacht Club](#) will host a networking conference on clean boating, Tuesday, Feb. 10th from 10A to Noon.

Gary Brown of [Coastkeeper](#) will speak on copper total maximum daily loads (TMDL) and copper-based bottom paints. Also, Grace Lee of [Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission](#) will speak on holding tank monitoring.

R.S.V.P. by Feb. 2 to [Tony Melum](#)

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