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News Items

(Update on [transferability](#), see [News p. 2](#))

Big Surf

July 24th and 25th a Southern Hemisphere storm pushed waves over 20 feet high to Orange County beaches. Howard Hamlin launched his helicopter and captured some memories for you; find the link on the [Big Weather Page](#).

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 (p. 102). It suggests no adjustments are needed for the disparity in value-added services and private access of full-service yacht club moorings compared 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. Others have responded by writing letters of their own. Read some of the letters shared with the NMA via the [Harbor Fees Study](#) page.

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 -ed.).

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Meetings

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:

TBA, check back!

at the (location TBD).

NMA Members are welcome to attend!

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 Patrol News


The Sheriff's Department has named a new Orange County Harbormaster, Lt. Mark Long. According to this story in [The Log](#), he looks forward to building community support and developing relationships with the community of harbor users. We'll go farther working together. Congratulations, Lt. Long!

With the reassignment of Deputy Joel Monroe, a new mooring master has been named; he is Deputy Carlos Contreras. We understand he has hands-on mooring knowledge, as he is a permit holder himself!

Harbor Resources News

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 on the Harbor Resources site.


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 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.

Harbor Resources Department


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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,

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?

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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Mooring Loan Permission Form

Need to [loan a mooring](#) to a friend? Here is the form you fill out, print, sign, and send to the Harbor Department.

City of Newport Beach Live News Feed

What's going on in Newport Beach? Have there been any (derelict) boat auctions recently? (**YES! [Click here!](#)**) When the news feed below is working, the blue box will contain latest City news. If the blue box is empty, the feed is broken. Some browsers may still click to open the [news feed direct from the City of Newport Beach](#).

City of Newport Beach News

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Field Conditions

Update forSaturday, February 20th,2...

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Field Conditions

Update forWednesday, February 10th,...

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Field Conditions

Update forTuesday, February 9th,201...

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Field Conditions

Update forSunday, February 7th,2010...

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Dinghy Dock Extensions



Moving forward!

Your input helped make the difference. At the February 2010 Harbor Commission meeting, Harbor Resources Manager Chris Miller [reported](#) bid packages for [Fernando St](#) (*.pdf - 288KB) , [15th St](#) (*.pdf - 273 KB) and the [19th St](#) (*.pdf - 264KB) dock extensions are about to go out. The contract for their construction will be awarded in a March City Council meeting and construction will commence in April.

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

Mooring Transfers

The January (2009) 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) .

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. Following subcommittee work, the draft has been submitted to the **new** City Attorney for his review. Subsequently, the draft will again be presented to the Harbor Commission at a future Harbor Commission meeting. The Log ran a story about the January 2009 [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 typically meets on the second Wednesday each month. **The next meeting is Apr. 21 (not on the typical 2nd Wednesday) in City Council Chambers at 6PM. April 21, 2010 6 – 8pm : Harbor Commission meeting at City Council Chambers** (links to location on Google Maps). [Click to save to Outlook.](#)


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.

Newport Harbor Dredging

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 [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 Rhine Wharf is undergoing repairs scheduled for completion in March. Construction of the new public dinghy dock alongside the Rhine Wharf will follow and should take five months.

How grows the eelgrass?

At the May 14th 2009 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. Though it has been approved by the Harbor Commission, an electronic copy is not yet available for posting for your review. The HAMP's next step will be its presentation to City Council for its approval and adoption.

We always appreciate your continuing support and valued opinions.

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In February, Harbor Resources Director Chris Miller reported to the Harbor Commission that the Lower Bay Dredging Project had been handed over to the Army Corps of Engineers, marking a milestone in the project. From here, the Army Corps will be the primary agency moving the project forward to actualization. There are concurrencies of need that the Army Corps hopes to pair. LA Harbor can accept Lower Bay sediment ineligible for offshore disposal, for fill in port infrastructure expansion. Funding will still be a challenge. (*See live news feed below*)

LA Harbor use of dredged Lower Bay sediment which cannot be disposed offshore is "plan "A"" while the Lido Reach CAD site is "plan "B"" for the dredged sediments. [Anchor OEA](#) is preparing the EIR and mitigated negative declaration for the City, in case the CAD site is needed.

What determines sediment eligibility for offshore disposal is the concentration of red-tagged substances in the sediment. Measuring equipment is capable of detecting parts-per-billion, and standards are written at various levels on this scale. For perspective, one ppb is the equivalent of [50 drops of water](#) diluted into an Olympic-sized swimming pool which is over six feet deep.

Here is a link to the City's dredging and [CAD site](#) page. You can click 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.

Newport Harbor Live RSS Dredging Feed

[Dredging is of dire concern - Daily Pilot](#)

I'm glad our city representatives are heading to Washington to try to secure some funds for dredging Newport Harbor ("Daigle, Kiff head to Washington," ...

Source:: [NMA Dredging Blog & News Feed](#)
Published: 12 Mar 2010 | 8:28 am PST

[Daigle, Kiff Head to Washington](#)

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimates about \$1.2 cubic yards of sediment need to be dredged out of Newport Harbor. If Congress approves funding for the project, work would probably begin in early 2011, Daigle said. ...

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Published: 11 Mar 2010 | 4:49 pm PST

[**• Budget gap widens to \\$8M - Daily Pilot**](#)

In 2012, Newport Beach will have to match a \$4-million grant for dredging in parts of Newport Harbor, which will also widen the budget gap. ...and more »

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Published: 23 Feb 2010 11:15 am PST

[**Newport Harbor Dredging Sediment May Be Shipped to Long Beach – The Log Newspaper**](#)

NEWPORT BEACH -- The City has long been searching for an approved disposal site for pollutant-contaminated sediment, which...

Source: [NMA Dredging Blog & News Feed](#)
Published: 9 Dec 2009 | 3:00 pm PST

[**Balboa Island in Newport Beach, CA**](#)

William Collins, who was from Pasadena, California began dredging a channel on the north side of Newport bay and deposited the sand and silt on tide lands that would eventually become Balboa Island in 1908. As a result of piling up the ...

Source: [NMA Dredging Blog & News Feed](#)
Published: 12 Nov 2009 | 9:23 am PST

[**Newport Harbor Commission Discusses Dredging Plans – The Log Newspaper**](#)

As the project in Upper Newport Bay nears its end, Newport Beach Harbor Commissioners and City officials discussed...

Source: [NMA Dredging Blog & News Feed](#)
Published: 21 Aug 2008 | 11:20 am PDT

[**Harbor Dredging Could Cost Newport \\$18m – Daily Pilot**](#)

How to get the ever-more-shallow Newport Harbor dredged has become an \$18-million question for Newport Beach officials. the...

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