**City of Newport Beach**

**Harbor Commission Purpose & Charter**

Newport Harbor supports numerous recreational and commercial activities, waterfront residential communities and scenic and biological resources. The purpose of the Harbor Commission is to provide the City of Newport Beach with an advisory body representing these diverse uses of Newport Harbor and its waterfront.

1. Advise the City Council in all matters pertaining to the use, control, operation, promotion and regulation of all vessels and watercraft within Newport Harbor.
2. Approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove applications on all harbor permits where the City of Newport Beach Municipal Code assigns the authority for the decision to the Harbor Commission.
3. Serve as an appellate and reviewing body for decisions of the City Manager on harbor permits, leases, and other harbor-related administrative matters where the City of N e w p o r t Beach Municipal Code assigns such authority to the Harbor Commission.
4. Advise the City Council on proposed harbor-related improvements.
5. Advise the Planning Commission and City Council on land use and property development applications referred to the Harbor Commission by the City Council, Planning Commission, or the City Manager.
6. Make recommendations to the City Council for the adoption of regulations and programs necessary for the ongoing implementation of the goals, objectives, policies of the Harbor and Bay Element of the General Plan, the Harbor Area Management Plan, and the Tidelands Capital Plan.
7. Advise the City Council on the implementation of assigned parts of the Tidelands Capital Plan such as:

* Dredging priorities
* In-bay beach sand replenishment priorities
* Harbor amenities such as mooring support service areas and public docks

**Harbor Commission - Objectives**

The following objectives are intended to support the mission of the Harbor Area Management Plan and the two most essential responsibilities of the Harbor Commission: (1) Ensuring the long‐ term welfare of Newport Harbor for all residential, recreational, and commercial users; (2) Promoting Newport Harbor as a preferred and welcoming destination for visitors and residents alike.

These updated objectives are subject to the review and approval of the Commission, and final approval by the Newport Beach City Council. Harbor Commission ad hoc committees, as established by the Commission, bear principal responsibility for coordinating the Commission’s efforts, along with staff support, in achieving these Objectives.



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| **2021 Objectives** | **Functional Area** |
| 1. Conduct an annual review of Title 17 and recommend | **1. Harbor Operations**  **(Kenney)**  ***Matters pertaining to the Management, Policies, Codes, Regulations, and Enforcement.*** |
| updates to the City Council where necessary **(Yahn)**Complete |
| current version of Title 17 while maintaining suggestions for |
| future revisions. **(Yahn)** |
| 2. Conduct an annual review of the Marine Activities Permits |
| and recommend updates thereto as necessary. Work with |
| Harbor Department staff to identify all Stakeholders within the |
| Harbor who will require a Marine Activities permit and assist |
| Stakeholders in obtaining the same. **(Williams, Yahn)**Study |
| and make recommendations for changes on Marine Activities |
| Permits. Identify all Stakeholders within the Harbor who will |
| require a Marine Activities Permit. **(Williams, Yahn)** |
| 3. Review the onshore and offshore mooring permit forms and |
| recommend updates as necessary. **(Beer, Cunningham)**Study |
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| and recommendations for shore moorings including  provide |
| transfer **(Beer, Cunningham)**  permit policy. |
| 4. Study and provide recommendations to the transfer permit |
| policy for onshore and offshore moorings. **(Beer, Cunningham)** |
| 5. Work with City staff on an update of the market rent to be |
| charged for onshore and offshore moorings. **(Beer,** |
| **Cunningham)** |
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| 1. Evaluate potential enhancements and/or services to City | **2. Harbor Viability**  **(Beer*)***  ***Matters pertaining to Assets, Amenities, and Access.*** |
| amenities which will improve the operation and enjoyment of |
| the Harbor for provided to mooring permittees, residents, |
| recreational boaters, charter fleet, commercial slip holders, and |
| visitors. **(Scully)**  2. Support staff with anchorage at the west end of  permanent |
| Lido Island. **(Williams)**  With the assistance of Staff, continue the |
| process for establishing a permanent anchorage at the west end of |
| Lido Island. (**Beer**) |
| 3. 3. Evaluate options to consolidate and reduce the |
| footprint of the mooring fields including the use of multi‐ |
| vessel mooring systems. **(Yahn)** Finalize a new Harbor |
| Policy H3 to set guidelines for approving mooring |
| extension requests by mooring permittees, and better |
| defining the rows and fairways within the mooring fields |

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| **2021 Objectives** | **Functional Area** |
| for improved navigation, safety and optimization of |  |
| space. (**Beer**) |
| 4. Study options to reduce the number of onshore |
| moorings. **(Cunningham & maybe one other)** |
| 5. Evaluate options for additional City Moorings and/or Multi |
| Vessel Mooring Systems (MVMS) for temporary use by visiting |
| mariners or long-term mooring permittees (**Williams**) |
| 6. Review the On-shore mooring vessel specifications |
| providing a long-term plan with the goal of insuring |
| adequate spacing between moorings, residential docks, |
| and street ends. **(Scully)** |
| 4. Continue of a second launch ramp. **(Kenney)**  pursuit public |
| 56. Complete evaluation for establishing day moorings off Big Corona beach and harbor moorings. **(Williams)**  67. Evaluate and make recommendations for Lower Castaways. **(Marston)**  7. Evaluate opportunities for an additional fuel dock. |
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| 1. Secure timely closure of RGP54 permit renewal with emphasis on a more streamlined process.  2. Establish a sustainable that consistently re-nourishes  program | **3. Harbor Infrastructure**  **(Cunningham)**  ***Matters pertaining to Sea Walls, Sea Level Rise, Dredging, Docks, and Beaches.*** |
| our harbor beaches. **(Marston) Recommend a long-term plan** |
| **for harbor beach enhancements, which includes the option** |
| **of eliminating shore mooring tackle on our most popular** |
| **beaches. (Marston, Scully)** |
| 1. Support Staff to obtain funding and approval to dredge the federal navigational channels to its authorized design depth. 2. Study various dredging methodologies that   provides |
| consistent maintenance dredging and could help combat sea |
| level rise and coastal erosion. **(Marston) Kick off fine grain** |
| **sediment disposal study in near shore waters. Evaluate** |
| **sustainable dredging options for beneficial reuse along the** |
| **Newport Beach shoreline. (Marston)** |
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| **2021 Objectives** | **Functional Area** |
| 1. Develop a plan to communicate and assist Stakeholders required to complete and meet the newly defined Marine Activities Permit program. **(Marston)** 2. Assist Staff in developingDevelop a communication outreach | **4. Harbor Stakeholders (Scully)**  **Matters pertaining to Residential, Recreational, and Commercial Users.** |
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| toprogram for all Harbor Stakeholders including residents,  plan |
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| and users of the Harborwithin Newport Harbor to ensure that |
| all Residential, Recreational and Commercial users have a voice |
| in the management and development of Newport Harbor. |
| Similar to the in with the Mooring Association,  program place |
| **(Marston)**   1. Continue a dialogue with representatives of the Harbor Charter Fleet industry, other commercial vessel operators and rental concessionaires to promote best practices for all charter |
| and commercial boat operations in Newport Harbor with attention to vessel specificationssizes, number of particular |
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| vessels, noise and pollution control/compliance and long‐range |
| plans for berthing. **(Williams)**   1. Support Staff in the Harbor Attendance Study. (Yahn) |