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Human Powered Vessel Ad Hoc Committee

Special Meeting

Friday, April 11, 2014
2:00 pm

Port San Luis Harbor District
Coastal Gateway Building
3900 Avila Beach Drive, Avila Beach, CA

Agenda

1. 2:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may speak regarding items not on the agenda. The public will be offered an opportunity to comment on agenda discussion items when these items are presented. All participants are requested to state their name and place of residence. Presentations are limited to three minutes.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Human Powered Vessel Safety: Review and discuss safety guidelines for human powered craft.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The public is welcome to attend.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Human Powered Vessel Ad-Hoc Committee
Commissioner Barrow
Commissioner Kirk

FROM: Julie van Hoff, Business Manager
John Lowry, Acting Chief Harbor Patrol Officer
Loch Dreizler, Facilities Manager

DATE: April 11, 2014

SUBJECT: **Human Powered Vessel Safety**

Recommendation

- Recommendation: Review and comment on action items. Discuss additional ideas.

Policy/Regulation Implications

Code of Federal Regulations Title 46 Part 25 provides requirements for uninspected vessels requires that Human Powered Vessels carry a Coast Guard approved life jacket and sound device (e.g. whistle). Children under 13 are required to wear a life jacket.

The California Harbors and Navigation Code 651.1 define a Stand-Up Paddle Board (SUP) as a vessel when it is outside a designated swim area or outside the surf line.

Fiscal Implications / Budget Status

None at this time. Cost of buoys and signs will be recorded against current year budgeted operations and maintenance appropriations.

Alternatives Considered

The following actions were considered but are not recommended at this time:

- None at this time

Discussion

The popularity of Human Powered Vessels (HPVs) in Port San Luis Harbor has increased dramatically. New challenges and demands have been placed on District staff and the use of public areas, especially the trailer boat launch docks. In 2013, Harbor Patrol performed 88 boating related rescues, of which 65 were SUP and Kayak rescues. Over 500 preventative contacts regarding safety requirements, weather conditions and safe operating areas were made by Lifeguards and Harbor Patrol. In addition, there have been issues concerning use of the trailer boat launch docks.

On February 19, 2014, staff coordinated a meeting to discuss safety issues related to the use of HPVs in District waters. The meeting was attended by Commissioner Barrow, Paul Schiro, Dotte Kreowski, Vince and Emily Shay, Van Curaza and Brent Lintner, amongst others.

Topics included education of lessee and licensee customers, education of general public, addition of signs and buoys, designation of areas of use, and rescue and assistance. The goal of the meeting was to develop a program for education of rules, safe operations, and environmental dangers (e.g. wildlife, winds) related to use of HPVs.

Lessees and licensees should provide pre-launch training, required safety equipment, clear identification of customer association to a business, chase boats, and immediate notification to Harbor Patrol if an HPV is overdue.

The meeting resulted in the following action items and associated progress:

- 1) Acting Chief Harbor Patrol Officer would investigate buoy specifications and discuss details with Facilities Manager. *The buoys have been ordered and are expected to be delivered and placed prior to Memorial Day weekend. Attachment 1 shows a picture and placement of buoy.*
- 2) Create signs to help educate the public. *Staff is working on the content of the sign. Once final content has been determined, signs will be ordered and installed.*
- 3) Business Manager to put together a draft HPV information handout. *Content will include information from the sign, map of area similar to Attachment 2, launch locations and other pertinent information.*

Additional ideas discussed were as follows:

- 1) Vince offered to coordinate a production of a safety you-tube video. Also he indicated that during busy summer weekends SUP rental operations will be moved to Fisherman's Beach instead of the public dock.
- 2) Require that SUP users have a leash and/or wear a life jacket. This would require a change to the District ordinances.
- 3) Require the general public to wait in a trailer boat line in order to launch an HPV.
- 4) Require an HPV to pay a launching fee. This would require a change to the District ordinances and possibly a coastal development permit. Santa Cruz Harbor charges \$10 for car-top launching, plus \$5 if the vehicle has a second vessel.
- 5) Designate a portion of the mouth of the river as a no swim zone.
- 6) Paint a no stopping zone on the north-side of Port Harford Chandlery.
- 7) Designate SUP paddle zones. This would require a change to District ordinances.

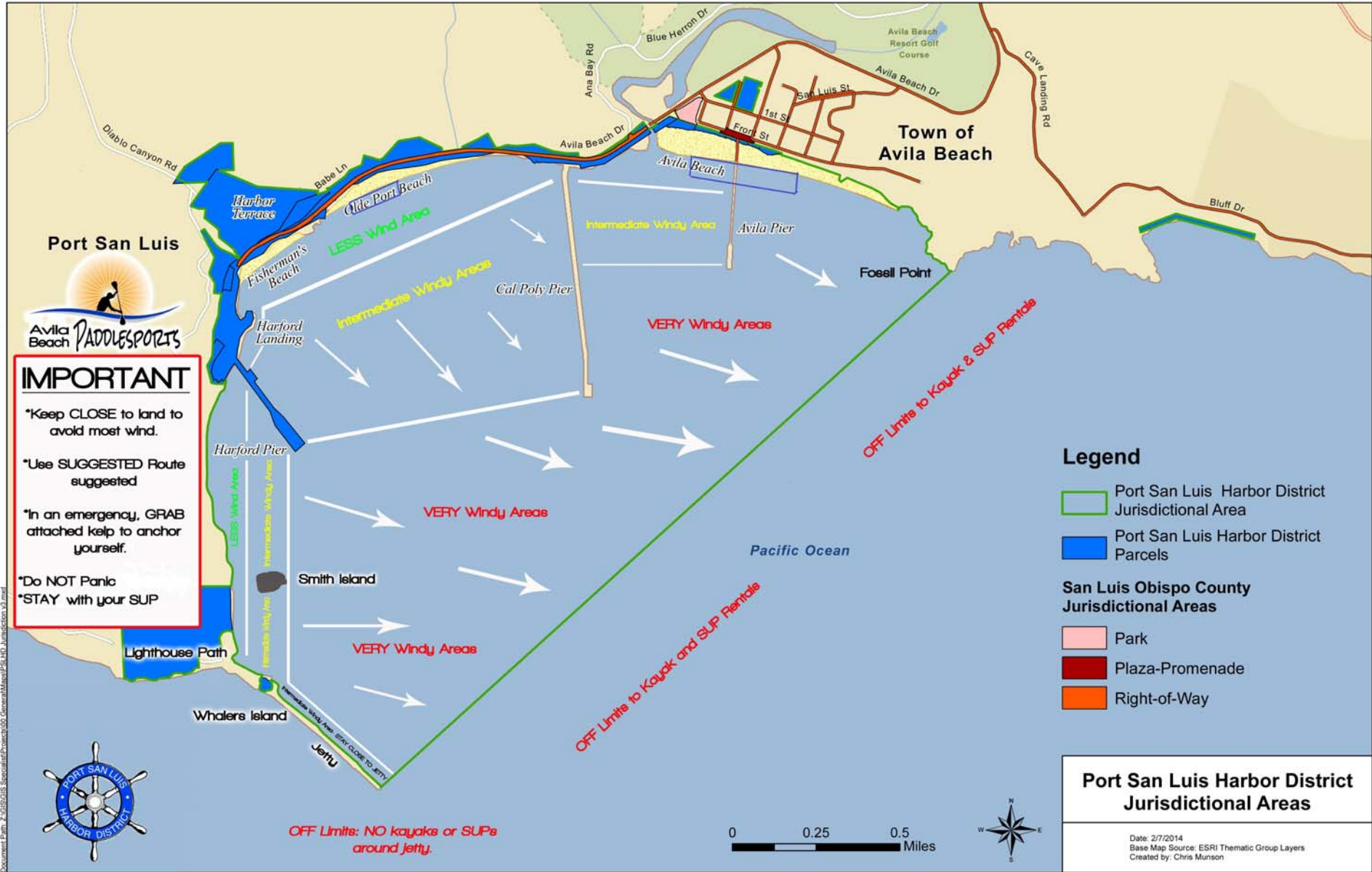
Attachment(s): 1. Buoy Placement and content
 2. Example of content for handout

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**Port San Luis Harbor District
Trailer Boat Launch**

Date: 2/18/2014
 Base Map Source: ESRI Thematic Group Layers
 Created by: Chris Munson



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