



Greetings from Port San Luis Harbor District April 2016 Newsletter

Harbor Manager Notes - Welcome to the April 2016 Newsletter. In an effort to keep the community informed about what's going on at the Port, I'll be sending out a Monthly Newsletter about what you might see when you come out to visit, and also what's going on with Port business. I'll not get too detailed but am happy to add information about issues that are brought to my attention, so please let me know if there's something you want to see! Enjoy the news.



April brought hundreds of beach visitors to enjoy the warm and relatively calm conditions. **Lifeguards** are stationed on Avila Beach on the weekends until June after which the Avila towers will be staffed 7 days/week. Lifeguards will be on Olde Port Beach beginning in June, serving the public from a new tower.

Much to the public's delight, the **Fire Rings** were installed on Olde Port Beach in Mid-April and are operable.



Port San Luis Commission Meeting Agenda

The agenda and staff reports can be found at:

<http://portsanluis.com/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/04262016-202>. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Closed Session will begin at 3:30 p.m. for six issues including:

- Real Property, Conference with Labor Negotiators, Performance Evaluation, Public Employment and Existing Litigation.

We will move to **Open Session** at 6:00 p.m. for 11 consent items and 11 discussion items, including:

- Avila Pier Rehabilitation Project
- Trailer Boat Launch Building Area B Lease Site
- Fee Schedule Recommended Changes
- FY 2016/17 Preliminary Budget
- California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference Report
- Morro Bay Commercial Fishermen's Organization Request
- Waiver of Mooring Upgrade Fee Request
- Harford Pier Hoists
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers
- Harbor Terrace Development – Extend ERN
- Appointment of a Permanent Harbor Manager

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering a **Boating Safety Class** on Saturday, May 7th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Morro Bay Community Center. Contact Carl Dougherty at carl.uscgaux@gmail.com for more information.

Whale Trail Interpretive Sign – approved at the March Commission meeting, the Whale Trail Mission in conjunction with the Avila Beach Tourism Alliance has sponsored this sign that will be installed on the east side “pop-out” on Avila Pier. The sign provides a wonderful education of whales and other marine mammals the public may view in our waters.



Understanding the Posting of Dangerous Marine Conditions – The District receives a variety of inquiries when posting the beach regarding the credible sighting of white sharks. The following information/definitions will hopefully provide some additional clarity regarding the process.



Specific Advisory Posting - The District may post specific advisory signage when a credible white shark sighting is reported within the waters owned or regulated by the District. Specific advisory postings shall remain in place for three days

Closure / Evacuation - District waters shall be evacuated and closed to body contact following notification of a marine injury incident. Closures shall remain in effect for three days. District employees shall not enter the water during a closure.

Credible sighting - A sighting of a white shark in or near District waters which is reported to the District, by a person whose ability (location, glare, weather, light conditions, speed of vessel or speed of vehicle), training, experience, education, or equipment make it highly probable that a white shark is present.

Three Days - The three-day period shall begin at the time of the sighting and shall run for the next 72 hours. When an incident happens after normal business hours, any District actions may be taken at the nearest practicable opportunity. For example, if the posting was due to come down at 10:00 PM, the signs may be removed the next morning.

Marine Injury Incident - A life threatening injury (resulting in hospitalization or death) to a person, that was likely caused by a shark or marine animal in the waters owned or controlled by the District.

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Closing Notes

The brilliant kernel of the night,
The flaming lightroom circles me:
I sit within a blaze of light

Held high above the dusky sea.
Far off the surf doth break and roar
Along bleak miles of moonlit shore,

Where through the tides the tumbling wave
Falls in an avalanche of foam
And drives its churned waters home
Up many an undercliff and cave.

~Robert Louis Stevenson~

Our Mission

To serve the public with an array of commercial and recreational boating, fishing, and coastal-related opportunities, while ensuring an environmentally responsible, safe, well-managed, and financially sustainable harbor that preserves our marine heritage and character.

If you know someone who would like to be added to the Newsletter list or you no longer wish to receive this e-mail, please let me know at AndreaL@portsanluis.com .