



# CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION AGENDA

City Council Chambers-100 Civic Center Dr, Newport Beach CA 92660

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 - 5:00 PM

**Harbor Commission Members:**

Ira Beer, Chair  
Marie Marston, Vice Chair  
Steve Scully, Secretary  
Bob Miller, Commissioner  
Rudy Svrcek, Commissioner  
Gary Williams, Commissioner  
Don Yahn, Commissioner

**Staff Members:**

Paul Blank, Harbormaster  
Cynthia Shintaku, Management Analyst

The Harbor Commission meeting is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Harbor Commission agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Commission and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Harbor Commission. The Chair may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

The City of Newport Beach's goal is to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, we will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact Paul Blank, Harbormaster, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible at (949) 270-8158 or pblank@newportbeachca.gov.

Questions and comments may be submitted in writing for the Harbor Commission's consideration by sending them to harborfeedback@newportbeachca.gov. To give the Harbor Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments no later than 5 p.m. the day prior to the Harbor Commission meeting. All correspondence will be made part of the record.

**NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT**

Any presentation requiring the use of the City of Newport Beach's equipment must be submitted to the Harbor Department 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

2) **ROLL CALL**

3) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Public comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The Harbor Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on agenda or non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.*

5) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5.1) Draft minutes of the May 13, 2026 Harbor Commission Regular Meeting**

[5.13.2026 Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes Draft](#)

[5.13.2026 Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes Draft- Secretary Scully](#)

[5.13.2026 Harbor Commission Meeting Minutes Draft-Vice Chair Marston](#)

**6.1) Vessels in Newport Harbor Subject to Removal and Sale or Destruction**

Newport Beach Municipal Code- Title 17, authorizes code enforcement staff to abate and remove vessels that are derelict, sunken, abandoned and subject to impound, or determined to be marine debris. The City follows the procedures contained in California Harbors and Navigation code for vessel removal, (and in certain circumstances, sale or destruction) based on numerous factors, including the condition of the vessel, where the vessel was found, and the estimated value of the vessel.

This report will update the Harbor Commission and the public on the different categories and processes the Harbor Department implements upon discovering a vessel in one of the above referenced categories.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
2. Receive and file.

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**6.2) Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

Several ad hoc committees have been established to address short term projects outside of the Harbor Commission objectives. This is the time the ad hoc committees will provide an update on their projects.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Find this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
2. Receive and file.

[Staff Report](#)**6.3) Harbor Commission 2026 Objectives**

Each ad hoc committee studying their respective Objective within the Commission's 2026 Objectives, will provide a progress update.

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1. Find this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
2. Receive and file.

[Staff Report](#)[Harbor Commission 2026 Objectives](#)**6.4) Harbormaster Update - May 2026 Activities**

This report summarizes Harbor Department activities for May 2026, organized around the department's mission to keep Newport Harbor clean, safe, and well-enjoyed. Key highlights include continued trash rover operations with CERT volunteer support, enforcement actions addressing illegal charter operations and unpermitted commercial activity, and multiple vessel assists, including a side-tow of a vessel experiencing steering failure. The department issued Notices of Violation for noise violations and unauthorized public dock use by commercial charter operators and filed a Criminal Complaint - resulting in a bench warrant - against a repeat illegal charter operator.

The Harbor Department assumed early management responsibility for the Balboa Yacht Basin on June 1, 2026, generating approximately \$35,000 in immediate savings and projecting more than \$175,000 in annual operational savings in the future. Public contacts reached 168 in May, the highest monthly total recorded in 2026 to date.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA

Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and

2. Receive and file.

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[Attachment A - Harbor Department Statistics Infographic](#)

7) **PRESENTATION FOR CHAIR BEER AND COMMISSIONER YAHN**

8) **MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

*A motion to reconsider any action taken by the Harbor Commission must be made at the same meeting or the subsequent meeting at which the action was taken and may only be made by one of the Harbor Commission members who voted with the prevailing side.*

9) **COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)**

10) **MATTERS WHICH COMMISSIONERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)**

11) **DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026 AT 5 P.M.**

12) **ADJOURNMENT**