



Additional Material Received
Raft-Ups Staff Presentation
May 11, 2022 Harbor Commission Meeting

Recommended Revisions to Municipal Code – Raft-ups

May 11, 2022

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Objective and Intention

- 2021 Harbor Commission Objective 1.1
- Clarity for harbor users
- Guidance for staff on operations, permitting and code enforcement priorities
- Compliance and consistency with CNB Fire Code, Nuisance Code (Title 10) and Recreation and Senior Services Special Events Permitting

2021 Objectives	
1.	Conduct an annual review of Title 17 and recommend updates to the City Council where necessary. (Yahn)
2.	Conduct an annual review of the Marine Activities Permits and recommend updates thereto as necessary. (Williams, Yahn)
3.	Review the onshore and offshore mooring permit forms and recommend updates as necessary. (Beer, Cunningham)



Process Leading to Recommendations

- Subcommittee reports on progress made at these Harbor Commission meetings


- **September 8, 2021**
- **October 13, 2021**
- **November 10, 2021**
- **December 6, 2021**
- **January 12, 2022**

- Public Hearing, full Commission discussion and unanimous approval:

- **February 9, 2022**

Harbor Commission Meeting

Date: 02/09/2022 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
Newport Beach, California 92660

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- [February 9, 2022 Harbor Commission Agenda Packet](#)




Process Leading to Recommendations

- Council review and direction to further study and seek community input
 - **April 12, 2022**
- Public Hearing, full Commission discussion and recommendation consideration:
 - **May 11, 2022**

Harbor Commission Meeting

Date: 05/11/2022 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: City Council Chambers
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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.



Raft-ups Primer

- Legacy in Fire Code – 9.04.350
 - Access in the event of an emergency*
- Permitting responsibility in the past – OCSD on behalf of the City
- Permitting responsibility currently – City Harbor Department
- Concerns

Noise, access for others, discharge, maneuverability/navigation

Clean, safe and well-enjoyed for all



Raft-up Statistics

Raft-up Permits by Year

Calendar Year	Permits Issued	Avg Vessels Permitted	Max Vessels Permitted	Applications Denied	Permits Revoked
2017	6	7	10		
2018	16	9	15	1	
2019	17	10	15		
2020	4	8	12		
2021	11	8	12		2
2022	9	8	12		



Raft-up Statistics

Raft-up Related Calls For Service by Year

Calendar Year	Noise Reported By		Unpermitted Raft-up	Total
	Residents	Other Vessels		
2018	2	1	1	4
2019	1		1	2
2020	2	2	8	12
2021	2		3	5
			Total	23



Current Department Policy

- Vessels anchored in Newport Harbor must do so within the boundaries of the designated anchorages
- Vessels enjoying the anchorage during daylight hours are welcome to tie together and use common anchors without a permit
- A raft-up permit is required if three or more vessels are tied together enjoying the anchorage after sunset
- Permitted raft-ups are limited to:
 - the east anchorage
 - a maximum of 10 vessels in any single raft-up - dinghies and tenders of fourteen (14) feet LOA or less are excluded from the vessel count
 - a total of 4 raft-ups on any given night



Raft-up Considerations

- **Definition of a raft-up**
- **When/whether a responsible party should be identified**
- **Reasonable lead time for raft-up application submission and review**
- **Minimum number of boats constituting a raft-up**
- **Maximum number of boats allowed in a raft-up**
 - enjoying the anchorage only during daylight hours
 - enjoying the anchorage overnight
- **Which vessels are considered in the raft-up count and which are considered ancillary**
- **Maximum number of daytime or overnight raft-ups permitted on any given day or night**
- **Consistency with RSS Special Events Permitting, especially live entertainment and amplified sound**





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