



City Harbormaster Report March, April and May 2020 Activities

Presentation to Harbor Commission

June 10, 2020

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Harbor Department – City of Newport Beach

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- Department operations continued uninterrupted.
- While counter services were suspended, all customer services continued via telephone, email and on-line.
- Patrols took on an expanded focus of monitoring vessel condition and safety in the mooring fields, during a period when boat owners were less able to care for their property.
- Expanded patrols of NHYC and BYC mooring fields during period when their programs were suspended.



Patrols of mooring fields expanded during earlier weeks of COVID-19 event, when boat owners couldn't check on their vessels.



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- Department outreach took place with members of the live aboard community in the City mooring fields, aimed at confirming their well-being and offering help, as needed, during the stay-at-home-order.
- As the COVID-19 event progressed and recreational boaters began returning to the Harbor, the Dept. participated in a “Social Distancing When Boating” informational campaign, encouraging practices to afford boaters access to local waterways while also advancing public health goals.



Example of sandwich board posters placed at public docks, yacht clubs, fuel docks and other harbor locations – encouraging social distancing when boating



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Voluntary Vessel Turn In Program (VTIP)

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- The Harbor Department assisted four (4) mooring permittees with taking part in the VTIP program.
- This CA Division of Boating and Waterways program, funds disposal of older unwanted boats, as a proactive way of addressing vessel removals prior to their creating risk of environmental concerns.
- As of June 7, three of the four vessels have been removed from the Harbor by qualified salvage companies. One remains in process.



Two of the four vessels recently removed from Newport Harbor as part of the VTIP program.



Expanded Harbor Department Hours

- Starting May 23 and continuing through all summer months, the Harbor Department hours have expanded.
- Sunday through Thursday / 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday / 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Additional nine hours of coverage per week.
- Approach mirrors Summer 2019 operations.



Lydia Sands, is one of the Department's team members. She and her co-workers will be available to assist boaters during expanded hours this Summer.



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- Harbor Department is exploring restoring approximately 20 solar lights atop of various markers in the Harbors
- Similar lights were previously installed as part of an Eagle Scout community service project. They were popular with local boaters.
- Unfortunately those lights needed to be removed, after it was learned the equipment did not meet US Coast Guard standards.



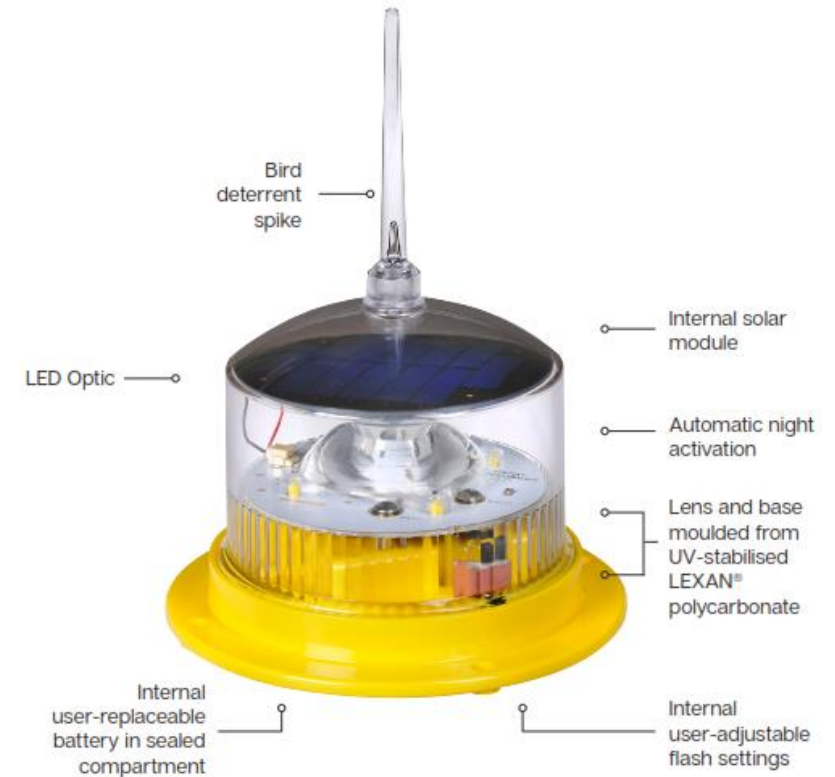
Map above plots the locations proposed for reinstallation of Harbor lights. Two of these locations will be selected for a short term test.



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- With the help of the OC Sheriffs Department staff, an improved light fixture has been identified that is believed to meet the Coast Guard requirements.
- Because these requirements include brighter lumen levels and flashing as specific cycles – Harbor Department staff plan a test of two fixtures, to confirm the lights are not met with opposition from those residing near the equipment.
- Should the test installation prove successful, the Harbor Department will re-submit a formal request to the USCG allowing the lights to be installed throughout the Harbor.

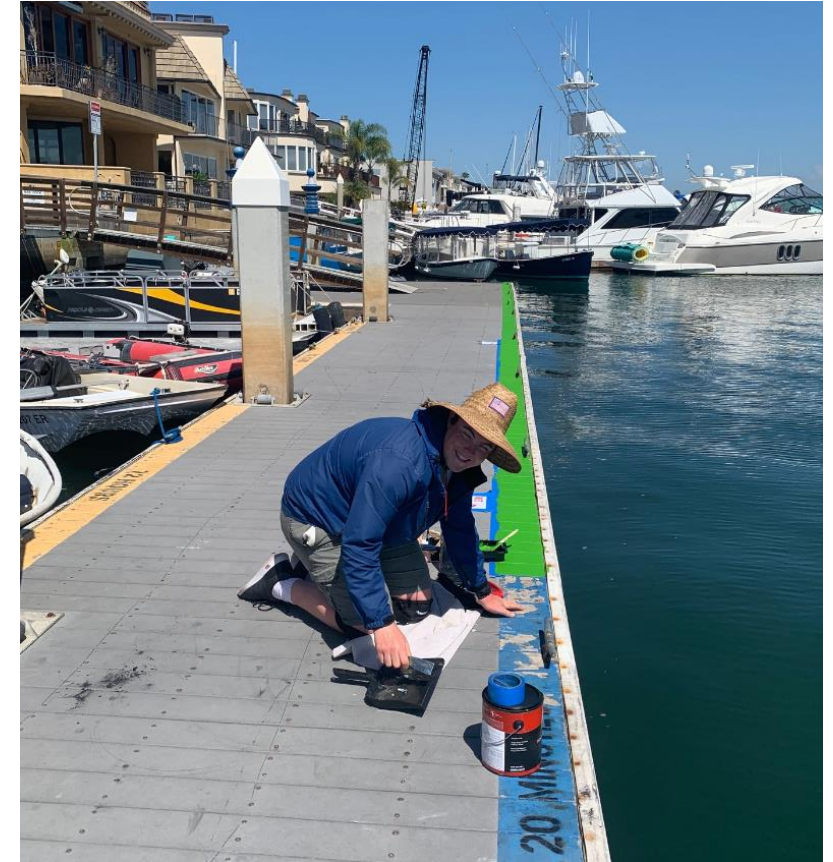


Example of the Sealite Solar Marine Lantern, the fixture currently being tested by the Harbor Department for possible installation strategically in Newport Harbor.



Public Information Outreach Efforts

- A May 14 feature story about the Harbor Department appeared in the Newport Independent Newspaper.
- An article ran in the April 3rd edition of the Log newspaper informing the local boating community about time zone changes to the 19th Street Public Dock.
- An informational presentation regarding the Harbor Dept. was planned with the Balboa Island Improvement Association, for Saturday March 14. Commissioner Scully was set to represent the City at this meeting, however the program was canceled due to COVID-19.



Jackson Halphide, one of the Harbor Dept.'s team members, repainting the 19th Street Public Dock, following Harbor Commission's approval of updated time limits.



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CATEGORY	March	April	May	YTD
• Marina Park Slip Rentals (Reservations)	36	34	125	849
• Marina Park Slip Rentals (# of Nights)	136	103	293	2,465
• Marina Park Sand Line Rentals (Reservations)	4	8	5	70
• Marina Park Sand Line Rentals (# of Nights)	4	14	15	283
• Mooring Sub Permittees	14	28	44	372
• Mooring Sub Permittees (# of Nights)	110	107	128	2,465



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CATEGORY	3/19	3/20	4/19	4/20	5/19	5/20	YTD 19	YTD 20
• MP Slip Rentals (Reservations)	110	36	105	34	99	125	1,044	849
• MP Slip Rentals (# of Nights)	272	136	215	103	225	293	3,034	2,465
• MP Sand Line Rentals (Reservations)	12	4	20	8	26	5	360	70
• MP Sand Line Rentals (# of Nights)	75	4	67	14	52	15	1,598	283
• Sub Permittees	93	14	50	28	38	44	1,134	372
• Sub Permittees (# of Nights)	379	110	339	107	254	128	8,150	2,465





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