

CLEAN MARINA/CLEAN BOATING PRACTICES AND OTHER PROGRAMS FOR REDUCING WASTE AND POLLUTION

The City of Morro Bay was designated as a Clean Marina in 2006. The estuary, bay and ocean are lifelines for Morro Bay. Those of us who use and benefit from Morro Bay and the surrounding area must do what we can to maintain its health and long-term viability.

The Clean Marina Program has a web site with information on best boating practices including keeping debris out of the water when working on boats, dust containment, use of non-toxic cleaners, etc. For details on clean boating practices go to:

<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/ccbn/ccbndx.html>

General guidelines for clean boating practices in Morro Bay Harbor are:

- ◆No major boat repair/painting or cleaning should be done in the water.
- ◆Fueling: Do NOT overfill your fuel tank. Report any spills to either the US Coast Guard or Harbor Office.
- ◆Discharge of sewage in the waters of Morro Bay is prohibited.

Trash: Stow all loose items properly so they don't blow overboard. Never discard garbage overboard. It is illegal to dispose of plastic or garbage mixed with plastic into any U.S. waters.

Waste Oil/Hazardous Waste Disposal: The Harbor Department has a waste oil recycling facility and can take waste oil, oil filters and oil absorbent pads. We also offer an oil absorbent pad exchange program: bring in used absorbent pads and receive clean ones in exchange. Other hazardous material can be disposed of at the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 160 Atascadero Road, open Saturdays 11AM—3PM. Paints, solvents, acids, caustics and batteries are accepted. There is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds per trip.

Pharmaceutical Disposal: The City of Morro Bay is part of the SLO County Integrated Waste Management Authority's new "Operation Medicine Cabinet Program". Never flush used pet medication, over-the-counter, or prescription drugs. You can now turn in these products to the Morro Bay Police Department drop box at 850 Morro Bay Boulevard. Leave all medication in original containers, and remove or scratch off personal information. Other participating agencies in the county are: Los Osos, Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Paso Robles, Grover Beach, Pismo Beach and San Luis Obispo.

Additional details available on line at:

http://www.iwma.com/directory-kz/medicine_cabinet.html

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Vessel pump-out facilities are located at:
South T-Pier
Morro Bay Marina
Morro Bay Yacht Club
Tidelands Park Dock

HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

At the February 3, 2011 Harbor Advisory Board meeting we welcomed two new members. Mandy Davis, who served on the Board in 2006, was reappointed to fill the recreational boating seat. Jeff Eckles owner of Eckles Wealth Management, Inc. and of the newly opened Morro Bay House of Jerky shop on the Embarcadero, was appointed to fill the waterfront leaseholders seat.

Michele Leary, the former recreational boating member, will still be active and is very busy with both her commercial and recreational boating ventures. Michele served on the Harbor Advisory Board from 2007-2011. Elaine Serda, served on the Board for a year as the leaseholder representative.

We appreciate Michele and Elaine's service to the waterfront community.

MAYOR & CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND C-MANC MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Mayor Yates and City Manager Andrea Lueker will attend the 2011 C-MANC meetings in Washington D.C. from March 23-March 25, 2011. The C-MANC Washington week program allows us to meet with federal agencies and representatives regarding the federal budget. It is imperative for the City to have a presence in Washington to insure continued federal funding for maintenance dredging of the harbor entrance area. The City will also have the opportunity to meet with other federal agencies on issues specific to Morro Bay such as ACOE for dredging issues, NOAA for fisheries issues, the US Coast Guard on Coast Guard Station Morro Bay and with EPA regarding funding for the Morro Bay National Estuary Program. The Central Coast Joint Cable Fisheries Liaison Committee (CCJCFCLC) awarded the City a grant of \$7,000 to help cover costs associated with attending these meetings.

HARBOR PATROL STATISTICS 1/1/10—12/31/10

Month	Bay Patrol	Land Patrol	Emergency Response	Service Calls	Enforcement Contact	Training	Maintenance Action	Weather Advisory	Hazardous Bar
Jan-10	58	97	23	103	18	16	82	22	15
Feb-10	56	80	9	88	19	23	63	14	9
Mar-10	66	97	12	102	25	21	75	23	5
Apr-10	59	105	14	83	23	22	98	24	4
May-10	79	106	23	130	22	43	84	19	0
Jun-10	90	140	16	124	35	33	124	19	0
Jul-10	96	125	20	139	59	30	94	7	1
Aug-10	95	121	23	146	36	25	85	10	1
Sep-10	62	97	9	138	27	24	93	7	1
Oct-10	60	90	9	120	11	16	91	11	1
Nov-10	78	131	11	123	24	29	96	14	2
Dec-10	62	116	16	129	25	31	75	13	5
TOTALS	799	1305	185	1425	324	313	1060	183	44

Following is a summary of the categories:

Bay Patrol: Routine patrol of the Morro Bay Harbor while underway in a patrol boat.

Land Patrol: Routine patrol of the Morro Bay Harbor and Harbor Facilities while underway in a vehicle.

Emergency Response: Any response to a situation where there is potential threat to safety, life, pollution, vessels and/or equipment.

Service Calls: Response to requests for assistance that are not deemed an emergency.

Enforcement Contact: Situations where enforcement issues are dealt with including warnings and issuance of citations under the Morro Bay Municipal Code.

Training: Attendance of personnel at training exercises, equipment training, first aid training, etc.

Maintenance Action: Maintenance of any Harbor facilities and equipment.

Weather Advisory: The weather advisory denotes days that there were some type of weather advisory issued for the Morro Bay area by the National Weather Service, ranging from Small Craft to Storm Advisories.

Hazardous Bar: The Hazardous Bar includes any day or portion of any day when the Morro Bay Harbor entrance has been designated as hazardous by the U.S. Coast Guard.



4TH OF JULY FUNDRAISERS

The following local waterfront businesses are hosting fundraising events to support the annual Morro Bay 4th of July Festival.

Harbor Hut Luau—March 20, 2011: Enjoy a Hawaiian style luau at the Harbor Hut with a roast pig and all the trimmings from 2-6 PM. 1205 Embarcadero, contact 772-2255

Stax Wine Raffle—May 1, 2011—1:00 PM: Stax is raffling 100 bottles of valuable wine (value of wine over \$3,000), raffle cost is \$100/ticket only 100 tickets available many already sold. 1099 Embarcadero—contact 772-5055

Tognazzini's Oyster & Beer Festival—May 22, 2011: Tognazzini's Dockside II is hosting their 2nd annual Oyster & Beer Festival the cost is \$20 for a dozen BBQ oysters and a pitcher of beer. 1245 Embarcadero—contact 772-8100

For information on the Morro Bay 4th of July Celebration go to: <http://www.morrobay4th.org/>

City of Morro Bay Beach Lifeguard Academy

The City of Morro Bay will be conducting a United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) certified Ocean Lifeguard Academy training session for summer beach lifeguards and junior lifeguard instructors this spring.

The Academy is a 76-hour course over three weekends (April 31 and May 1, May 6-8, and May 13-15 2011) that is being jointly taught by City of Morro Bay (Harbor and Recreation & Parks Departments) and San Luis Obispo County Parks personnel (Cayucos lifeguards).

The Academy covers everything from an overview of professional lifeguarding, to rescues and rescue techniques, communications, personal safety, and documentation. Training and certification for Title 22 and CPR for the professional rescuer will also be part of the program. There are classroom as well as hands-on dynamic water and boat instruction sessions. Training sites will alternate between Morro Bay and Cayucos.

Morro Rock Spring Break Beach Camp April 18th TO 22nd 9-12 DAILY and the Summer Junior Beach Lifeguard Programs:

One-week Beach Camps for ages 9 and up designed to develop surfing and bodyboarding as well as build confidence in the ocean with certified Ocean Lifeguard instructors. Cost: \$100 for the first participant \$90 for the second family member (non-residents add \$4).

The Summer Junior Lifeguard Program will begin registration and testing in May. The Junior Lifeguard Program is aimed at children ages 10-16. Sessions: June 27-July 15 and July 25-Aug 12, 2011.

There is also a **pool program** aimed at younger children which will be held June 20-24, 2011.

The basic swim test for both programs will be held at Hardie Pool in Cayucos May 21, 2011: 8-10 AM.

Contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 772-6278 for details and additional information.

Snowy Plover Season

With Snowy Plover season approaching, the Morro Bay Harbor Department will be working with State Parks to put up fencing to protect the plover habitat areas on the sand spit. State Parks will also be fencing plover habitat areas on the State beaches north of Morro Rock. Snowy plovers are designated as a threatened species under the Federal Endangered Species Act. Please avoid disturbing the snowy plovers during their nesting season by avoiding the fenced areas, leashing all dogs, disposing of garbage properly and observing the posted restrictions.

For additional information on sharing the beach with the snowy plover go to: <http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/937/files/snowyplover.pdf>

MORRO BAY NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM:

The MBNEP will begin working on an update of its Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP). This process will involve meetings of regular MBNEP groups such as the Implementation Group, the Executive Committee and the Bay Foundation as well as meetings in the community to involve local stakeholders and interested parties. The first public CCMP update meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 14, 2011. Meeting announcements, with dates, times and locations will be posted on the MBNEP web site: www.mbnep.org

MBNEP grant information and advisory group meeting schedules also available on the web site.

CITY COUNCIL AND HARBOR ADVISORY BOARD

MEETINGS: Agendas are available for review at the Harbor Office, City Hall, Morro Bay Library and Mill's Stationery. Agendas and minutes for the Morro Bay City Council and all City Boards and Commissions are available on line at: www.morro-bay.ca.us

In April the Harbor Advisory Board will discuss: Prioritization of Infrastructure Needs and Review of Launch Ramp Parking Fees.

In May the Board will review the FY11-12 Budget.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chile Cook-off & Beer Festival: Saturday March 12, 2011 at the Morro Bay Community Center from Noon—5 pm. Contact the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce at 772-4467 for information.

Dockwalker Training March 23, 2011: Training for volunteer "Dockwalkers" will be held by the MBNEP. Dockwalkers provide clean boating information to the public. Contact Shari Sullivan at 772-3834, ext. 13 to register for the training and for additional information.

22nd Annual Dixon Spaghetti Fundraiser: Friday March 25, 2011 at the Community Center 4:30-7 PM. For details and information contact the Recreation & Parks Department at 772-6278.

Blessing of the Fleet: North T-Pier - Sunday April 17, 2011 12:30 PM. BBQ follows at the Veteran's Hall.

Morro Bay Discover Your Better Nature Parade and Kite Festival: April 30, 2011—May 1, 2011—Morro Bay Boulevard and the City Beach adjacent to Morro Rock.

Cruisin Car Show: May 6-8, 2011 Downtown Morro Bay—Information: <http://www.morrobaycarshow.org/>

Miracle Miles for Kids 10k: May 7, 2011. The Family Care Network's 8th annual Miracle Miles for Kids 10K Walk/Run—On the beach from Morro Bay to Cayucos Pier. Information: <http://mm4k.com/>

Mermaid & Pirate Parade: May 14, 2011— For children up to age 12. Sign up at Target Rock at 10 AM May 14, 2011. The parade goes from Morro Rock along the HarborWalk to Tognazzini's Dockside II where prizes will be awarded. Contact the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce at 772-4467 for information.

Central Coast Women for Fisheries Quilt Raffle - May 21, 2011: A beautiful 75" x 85" "Fish in Motion" quilt will be raffled to raise funds to the Fishermen's Family Memorial. For details: www.womenforfish.org

Art in the Park: May 28-30, 2011 Morro Bay City Park

Morro Bay Music Festival: June 4, 2011 at Pacific and Embarcadero. A day of music, food and entertainment from 11 AM—7PM. Information: <http://www.mbmusicfest.com/>

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