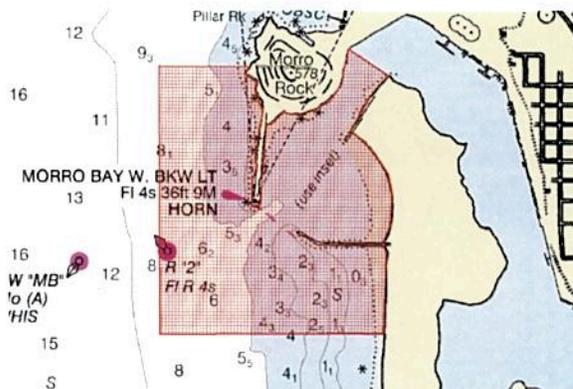




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IMPORTANT NAVIGATION NOTICE DEC 06 2015
SAFETY ZONE ESTABLISHMENT

By the authority of Part 165 of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations, vested in me as Captain of the Port, I am establishing a temporary safety zone at the Morro Bay Harbor Entrance. This action is necessary established to reduce significant hazards subject to the vessels, the harbor, and the public during periods of poor weather conditions. This rule will encompass all navigable waters from surface to seafloor within the following highlighted area illustrated to the right. During the enforcement period, vessels may be prohibited from operating within the designated area unless authorized by the Captain of the Port or his/her designated representative. The general boating public will be notified prior to the enforcement of the temporary safety zone via Broadcast Notice to Mariners.



PENALTY FOR VIOLATING THIS ORDER

Section 1232 of Title 33 U.S. Code (Ports & Waterways Safety Act) provides the penalties for violation of this order:

Any person who is found by the Secretary, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, to have violated this chapter or a regulation issued hereunder shall be liable to the United States for a civil penalty, not to exceed \$40,000 for each violation. Each day of a continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation. The amount of such civil penalty shall be assessed by the Secretary, or his designee, by written notice. In determining the amount of such penalty, the Secretary shall take into account the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the prohibited acts committed and, with respect to the violator, the degree of culpability, any history of prior offenses, ability to pay, and such other matters as justice may require.

Any person who willfully and knowingly violates this chapter or any regulation issued hereunder commits a class D felony.

Any vessel subject to the provisions of this chapter, which is used in violation of this chapter, or any regulations issued hereunder, shall be liable in rem for any civil penalty assessed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and may be proceeded against in the United States district court for any district in which such vessel may be found.

COAST GUARD POINT OF CONTACT FOR THIS NOTICE

The Sector Los Angeles - Long Beach Command Duty Officer may be reached on VHF channel 16 or (310) 521-3801.

Sincerely,

J. F. Williams
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
Captain of the Port
Los Angeles – Long Beach