



Mooring Information

Background

There are approximately 250 privately owned moorings in the harbor. Patrons own their hardware and lease the space on a quarterly basis. New moorings are placed on the outside edge of the existing mooring area. Location of moorings is based on seniority (the date mooring permit is issued). The District does not sell used moorings and encourages anyone considering buying a used mooring from a private party to check the history with the Harbor before making the purchase. Private party purchased moorings must complete a mooring application/permit, a current vessel registration or documentation and a \$76.00 transfer fee. **Be Advised:** Purchasing mooring hardware by itself does not guarantee a space in the water.

Waiting List (Currently “NO” WAITING LIST)

When there is a waiting list, a \$100.00 fee is required to be placed on the mooring waiting list. The fee is non-refundable, but will be applied to the cost of a new mooring when one becomes available. There is also a \$50.00 annual administration fee at the beginning of each fiscal year (July) which must be paid in order to remain on the list.

Ownership

Mooring owners own their mooring hardware and lease the space on a quarterly basis. The approximate cost to build and set a new mooring is as follows:

- For a vessel up to 25 feet = \$2,800 to \$3,300
- For a vessel up to 35 feet = \$3,300 to \$3,800
- For a vessel up to 45 feet = \$3,800 to \$4,700
- For a vessel up to 55 feet = \$4,700 to \$5,300

Vessels over 55 feet may require the owner to submit plans and specifications approved by a licensed marine engineer or naval architect.

The District requires an application, a permit, proof of insurance and a current vessel registration or documentation prior to issuing a space in the water. The monthly space rent (billed quarterly) is as follows:

- Moorings built for vessels up to 35 feet = \$ 29.00
- Moorings built for vessels 36 feet to 55 feet = \$ 35.00
- Moorings built for vessels 56 feet to 75 feet = \$ 40.00

Construction

Mooring hardware consists of bottom weight (steel or anchor to specifications), and chain, shackles, and swivels to provide a five-to-one scope with the water depth. Concrete weights are not allowed. Moorings are placed according to vessel type (commercial, sail, or power), size, and seniority (date permit approved). New moorings are placed on the outside edge of the mooring area and are gradually moved in, as turnover occurs. Depending on where the mooring is located in the harbor, water depth is approximately 20 to 40 feet.

Once a mooring permit is issued, the District will build and set the mooring within 30 days. Our specifications are minimum standards and you may request additional weight and/or special rigging. Special requests regarding rigging may be discussed in advance, with the Mooring Master by appointment. Port San Luis Harbor is an open harbor and fully exposed to southerly storms, which are often severe. It is important that vessel owners have the ability to check their vessels when the weather is bad.

Maintenance

Annual mooring inspections are mandatory. The District will perform an inspection once a year at a rate of \$300 per hour (1/2 hour minimum) and any repairs deemed necessary by the Mooring Master. The charges will be for material used in repairing the mooring (such as replacing worn chain), tax, and labor. The mooring owner will not be notified of what these charges will be ahead of time, because each mooring is different and the extent of any repair is unknown until the mooring is pulled. We encourage owners to be present during such inspections by scheduling an appointment in advance.

Terminating your permit

Moorings at Port San Luis are not commodities that increase in value. The market for used mooring equipment is very limited, and without a permit for a space in the water the hardware has no value as an option to secure a vessel in the harbor. The District is not in the business of selling used moorings. Patrons are required to submit a 30 day written notification to cancel their permit, when they choose to give up their space. The District offers to buy back District built and maintained moorings at the following price:

Moorings built for up to 25' vessels \$250.00
Moorings built for up to 35' vessels \$450.00
Moorings built for up to 45' vessels \$650.00
Moorings built for up to 55' vessels \$850.00

Guest Moorings

Moorings for vessels up to 35' are available by contacting the Port San Luis Water Taxi at (805) 595-7895 or via VHF radio, channel 16 or 12. The cost is \$10.00 per night.

The District has a limited number of guest moorings for vessels over 35' that are rented on a first-come, first-serve basis. These moorings can accommodate vessels up to 85' and rent for \$15.00 per night. Vessels may stay for up to two weeks. The Harbor Patrol may be contacted on VHF radio, channel 16 for assistance. Patrons are requested to prepay and fill out a vessel registration card at the main office. If unable to come to land please contact Harbor Patrol to make payment arrangements.

Anchoring

April through October, vessels may anchor for seven days without charge between the Avila Pier and the Cal Poly Pier. After seven days the anchor fee is \$8.00 per day for vessels less than 85 ft. Anchor fees are \$16.00 per day from November 1 through March 31. It is not recommended to anchor during inclement weather. Anchoring within the mooring area is restricted. If in question about anchoring or mooring, please contact the Harbor Patrol for assistance on VHF Radio, Channel 16.