



## Greetings from Port San Luis Harbor District September 2019 Newsletter

**Harbor Manager Notes** - Welcome to the September 2019 Edition of the Port San Luis Harbor District Newsletter. This monthly newsletter is provided to you in an effort to keep the community informed about what's going on at the Port. Enjoy the news.



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### Upcoming Holiday Office Closures

- ❖ Monday, November 11, 2019 in observance of Veteran's Day
- ❖ Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, 2019 for Thanksgiving.

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**Action from the September 24, 2019 Commission Meeting** - The agenda and staff reports can be found here: [Sept 24, 2019 Harbor Commission Agenda](#)

**Closed Session** included 2 items:

- Conference with legal counsel regarding the matter of *Lowry v. Port San Luis Harbor District*.
- Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2): Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. Number of potential cases: 1 (one).

**Open Session** included 9 Consent items and 3 Discussion items; the discussion items were as follows:

- Harbor Terrace Development: Presentation to review 100% design plans; approved.
- Ordinance 18.015 – Aircraft: Review and discuss possible update to Ordinance 18.015 – Aircraft – to consider paragliding; item referred to Property Committee.
- Public Hearing – Mooring Permit Revocations: Mooring #676 (Jones) and #717 (Molinari/Cullen); approved.

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**In the Line of Duty** – over the past month, the Harbor Patrol has responded to several harrowing incidents which had the potential for loss of life.

Early in September Harbor Patrol Officers Weddle and Horn responded to a 25-foot capsized vessel, 4-5 miles outside of Port San Luis. Upon arriving, Harbor Patrol was able to rescue all 6 people, including 2 elderly and 1 child! The vessel sank, but all aboard were transported, treated for hypothermia, and all are fine thankfully.

A few weeks later Harbor Patrol Officer Shaffer and Reserve Officer Chapman responded to a trimaran off Pt. Sal that had broken apart. All 3 people were removed from the damaged vessel and transported back to Port San Luis.

The month ended with a life/safety call in regard to a fire just outside Avila Beach. In this situation, Port San Luis Harbor Patrol were the closest law enforcement agency to assist. Supervising Officer Jake Vierra was successful in effecting the rescue of the 91-year old resident and his dog while Cal Fire engaged in fighting the fire that affected nearby vegetation and other residences.



## Port San Luis is Recertified as a “Clean Marina”

- Since November 2008, Port San Luis Harbor District has participated in the Clean Marine Program. This program is designed to encourage marinas, boat yards, and yacht clubs to help keep boating waters clean, healthy, and free of pollution by implementing best management practices (BMPs). Every 5 years, program participants are invited to become recertified as a “Clean Marina” and must pass a recertification inspection. On September 23, 2019, Facilities Manager Chris Munson and Planner/Analyst Natalie Teeter met with Brad Gross, Director of the Clean Marine Program, to conduct the recertification inspection of the Harbor District’s waterfront facilities and operations. After reviewing the Harbor District’s BMPs and facilities, Mr. Gross recertified Port San Luis as a Clean Marina! The Harbor District will address any areas of improvement identified during the inspection to demonstrate its commitment to protecting waterways and maintaining clean boating facilities.



**CLEAN MARINE**  
Protecting Our Waterways

### FAQ’s – How is the Harbor Terrace Project Coming Along? - We

are pleased to see the installation of two “Coming Soon” signs at the entrance to the Harbor Terrace project. In addition to signage, tree work/trimming has also taken place. The next big step is the issuance of the grading permit, which is expected soon.



### Upcoming Meetings/Events

**\*\*Board of Commissioners Committee Meetings** – Committee meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, please see [www.portsanluis.com](http://www.portsanluis.com) for the specific schedule each month.

**\*\*Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting** – The October Board Meeting will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, October 22, 2019 with Open Session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Quote of the Month** - “Life without port is tiring; life without travel is boring!”

~M M ildan



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where you can subscribe to alerts and updates, you can also automatically be notified of Commission and/or Committee meetings, employment opportunities, bid and proposals. Click on “Notify Me” on the left-hand column to subscribe to this service.



### Our Mission

To serve the public with an array of commercial and recreational boating, fishing, and coastal-related opportunities, while ensuring an environmentally responsible, safe, well-managed, and financially sustainable harbor that preserves our marine heritage and character.

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