Newport Harbor Commission Objectives
(As Approved by the City Council on January 24, 2017)
Calendar Year 2017

(Updated Assignments July 12, 2017)

These objectives are intended to support the mission of the Harbor Area Management Plan and the two most essential responsibilities of the Harbor Commission: (1) ensuring the long-term welfare of Newport Harbor for all residential, recreational, and commercial users; (2) promoting Newport Harbor as a preferred and welcoming destination for visitors and residents alike.

These calendar year 2017 objectives are subject to the review and approval of the Commission, and final approval by the Newport Beach City Council. Harbor Commission subcommittees, as established by the Commission, bear principal responsibility for coordinating the Commission's efforts with Harbor Resources Staff support in achieving these objectives.

Ensuring the Long Term Welfare of Newport Harbor

1) Develop standard safety briefing materials and guidelines regarding stand up paddleboards and other human powered craft to be distributed to all public rental outlets in Newport Harbor for their required use in informing all rental customers of the rules and best practices for safe navigation in the harbor. The briefing materials will be reviewed by the Commission before presentation to the City Council for its authorization and any direction regarding the distribution and use of such materials. **(*Kenney*, Blank, Girling,)**

2) Secure California Department of Recreation approval for an amendment to the Harbor Code granting an exception to the harbor speed limit for sanctioned sail racing and human powered racing events. With such authorization recommend a Harbor Code amendment to the City Council. **(*Blank*, Drayton, Beer)**

3) Establish a dialogue with representatives of the Harbor Charter Fleet industry to promote best practices for charter boat operations in Newport Harbor with particular attention to vessel specifications, noise

and pollution control compliance and long range plans for berthing. **(*McIntosh*, Drayton, Kenney)**

4) Support Harbor Resources Division Staff's presentation of public information on the Regional General Permit 54 and related Newport Harbor Eelgrass Protection and Mitigation Plan. Support Staff in identifying any available means to streamline the permitting process for applicants. **(*Girling*, Beer, Kenney)**

5) Continued support for staff in their efforts to identify and resolve the ongoing derelict vessels in the harbor. **(*Drayton,* Cunningham)**

Promoting Newport Harbor as a Preferred and Welcoming Destination

6) Complete the Commission's evaluation of two seasonal trials of the Turning Basin anchorage and develop a recommendation to the City Council regarding same. Evaluate the public's suggestion of establishing day moorings off Big Corona beach. **(*Kenney*, Beer, McIntosh)**

7) Collaborate with City Staff in creating a principally web-based update of *The Complete Cruising Guide to Newport Harbor,* first published by the Harbor Commission in 2010. **(*Cunningham*, Blank)**

8) Investigate the availability and sufficiency of public launch ramp facilities in the harbor and report findings to the Commission. Present a specific recommendation to the City Council, if appropriate. **(*Kenney*, Girling, Cunningham)**