



City of Newport Beach

Harbor Commission Purpose & Charter

Newport Harbor supports numerous recreational and commercial activities, waterfront residential communities and scenic and biological resources. The purpose of the Harbor Commission is to provide the City of Newport Beach with an advisory body representing these diverse uses of Newport Harbor and its waterfront.

1. Advise the City Council in all matters pertaining to the use, control, operation, promotion and regulation of all vessels and watercraft within Newport Harbor.
2. Approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove applications on all harbor permits where the City of Newport Beach Municipal Code assigns the authority for the decision to the Harbor Commission.
3. Serve as an appellate and reviewing body for decisions of the City Manager on harbor permits, leases, and other harbor-related administrative matters where the City of Newport Beach Municipal Code assigns such authority to the Harbor Commission.
4. Advise the City Council on proposed harbor-related improvements.
5. Advise the Planning Commission and City Council on land use and property development applications referred to the Harbor Commission by the City Council, Planning Commission, or the City Manager.
6. Make recommendations to the City Council for the adoption of regulations and programs necessary for the ongoing implementation of the goals, objectives, policies of the Harbor and Bay Element of the General Plan, the Harbor Area Management Plan, and the Tidelands Capital Plan.
7. Advise the City Council on the implementation of assigned parts of the Tidelands Capital Plan such as:
 - Dredging priorities
 - In-bay beach sand replenishment priorities
 - Harbor amenities such as mooring support service areas and public docks

Harbor Commission - 2019 Objectives

The following 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 2019 Objectives are subject to the review and approval of the Commission, and final approval by the Newport Beach City Council. Harbor Commission ad hoc committees, as established by the Commission, bear principal responsibility for coordinating the Commission's efforts, along with staff support, in achieving these Objectives.

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<p>1.1 Identify sustainable low-cost solutions to dredge the deep-water channels throughout the harbor.</p> <p>1.2 Identify opportunities to streamline the RGP54 permit process.</p> <p>1.3 Evaluate options for near shore dredging. Establish a sustainable program that consistently nourishes harbor beaches on a yearly basis.</p>	<p>1.0 Harbor Dredging (<i>Cunningham</i>, Marston)</p> <p><i>Advise the City Council on:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Dredging methodologies</i> ○ <i>Dredging priorities</i> ○ <i>Eelgrass protection</i> ○ <i>Beach re-nourishment</i>
<p>*Functional Areas 2 and 3 (combined 7/10/19)</p> <p>2.1 Evaluate current enforcement of applicable City codes throughout the harbor. Report back to Commission by July.</p> <p>2.2 Evaluate potential enhancements to city amenities provided to mooring permittees, residents and visitors.</p> <p>2.3 Establish policies for modifications to mooring size.</p> <p><u>Future Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Work with Harbormaster’s office to evaluate mooring management and oversight. B. Identify and address derelict vessels in the harbor. C. Complete evaluation for establishing day moorings off Big Corona beach. D. Evaluate options to consolidate and reduce the footprint of current mooring fields. 	<p>2.0 Harbor Operations, Management, Amenities, and Capital Improvements (<i>Beer</i>, Yahn, Scully)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Matters pertaining to use, control, operation, promotion, regulation of all vessels and watercraft.</i> ○ <i>Advise the City Council on proposed harbor-related improvements.</i> ○ <i>Advise the City Council on harbor amenities such as mooring support service areas and public docks.</i>
<p>3.1 Review and update City Municipal Codes, Title 17, Harbor Policies 1-5 and Marine Activities Permits.</p>	<p>3.0 Harbor Policies, Codes, Regulations (<i>Kenney</i>, Blank, Yahn)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove applications on all harbor permits.</i> ○ <i>Serve as an appellate and reviewing body for decisions on harbor permits, leases, and other harbor-related administrative matters.</i>

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<p>4.1 Establish a dialogue with representatives of the Harbor Charter Fleet industry, other commercial vessel operators and rental concessionaires to promote best practices for charter and commercial boat operations in Newport Harbor with particular attention to vessel specifications, noise and pollution control/compliance and long-range plans for berthing.</p>	<p>4.0 Commercial, Recreational and Educational Activities (Scully, Kenney, Marston)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Matters pertaining to use, control, operation, promotion, regulation of all vessels and watercraft.</i> ○ <i>Serve as an appellate and reviewing body for decisions of the City Manager on harbor permits, leases, and other harbor-related administrative matters.</i>
<p>5.1 Draft a Harbor Plan that can be used independently or in conjunction with an update to the General Plan and/or Harbor Area Management Plan (HAMP). Specific attention should be paid to state requirements including conservation for harbors, MLPA/MPAs and fisheries and work previously done by the Harbor Commission related to preservation of marine related activities and businesses in Newport Harbor and the Harbor Financial Master Plan.</p> <p><u>Future Priorities</u></p> <p>A. Create a Vision Statement for the Harbor describing the purposes, uses and characteristics in the year 2050. Reference how that Vision aligns with the current 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.</p>	<p>5.0 Long Term Vision for Harbor (Harbor Strategic Planning) (Blank, Cunningham, Scully)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Advise the City Council on the City General Plan.</i>

*Numbering of Objectives was changed to reflect the combining of Objectives 2 and 3 at the Harbor Commission Meeting of July 10, 2019.