



Policy on Use of Human Lift at Marina Park or Balboa Marina Public Dock

October 30, 2024

The policy on the use of the Human Lift at Marina Park or at the Balboa Marina Public Dock until further notice is as follows:

- Arrangements to use the Lift must be made by reservation with the Harbor Department at least 24 hours in advance. Reservations can be made via:
 - Email: dockmaster@newportbeachca.gov
 - Phone: 949.270.8159
- The CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER AGREEMENT FOR THE HUMAN LIFT must be completed and signed by the individual using the lift or a Legal Guardian. Required information includes:
 - Name of the vessel onto or from which the person will be lifted
 - Name of the person using the lift
 - Contact information of the person using the lift
 - Signature of the person using the lift or a Legal Guardian
- It is strongly recommended that the Release of Liability and Waiver Agreement be prepared and submitted with the reservation so there is no delay in the deployment and use of the lift
- No Fee or Deposit Required - Reservation of the human lift ("Lift") does not require any deposit nor is there a fee for its use.
- Cancellations and No-Shows:
 - Reservations will be honored within 30 minutes of the reserved time. Reservations not enjoyed within 30 minutes of the reserved time will be canceled. New reservations can be made 24 hours after a canceled reservation.
 - The cancellation of a reservation at Marina Park within 1 hour of the reserved time or at the Balboa Marina Public Dock within two hours of the reservation is considered a "late cancellation". A late cancellation or failure to show at the reserved time ("no-show") detracts from City staff's ability to serve other members of the public as City staff must be present to deploy and operate the Lift
 - In order to prevent late cancellations and no-shows (collectively referred to herein as "failure to honor reservation") and the resulting negative impacts to City services, the following conditions shall apply:
 - The first failure to honor reservation by an individual or anyone associated with a vessel intending to use the Lift will result in the issuance of a warning. The warning letter shall indicate that subsequent failure to honor reservation by an individual or anyone associated with the vessel will result in being barred from reserving or using the Lift for 30 days
 - The second failure to honor reservation by an individual or anyone associated with a vessel intending to use the Lift will result in being barred from reserving or using the Lift for 30 days

- Subsequent failure to honor reservation will result in being barred from reserving or using the Lift for three months
- These conditions shall not apply in the following circumstances:
 - An emergency substantiated in writing
 - Severe inclement weather
 - When otherwise prohibited by law

All operational aspects of the vessel onto which a guest will be lifted or retrieved are the responsibility of the vessel owner/operator. The City does not offer advice or provide information on the operational, functional, or safety of any vessels associated with the use of the lift.