

**NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION  
STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
City Council Chambers  
October 14, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**                    4:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**                    Commissioners John Corrough, Tim Collins, John Corrough, Marshall Duffield, Don Lawrenz, Ralph Rodheim and Vincent Valdes; Chairman Rhyne were present.

Staff: Lorrie Arcese, Chris Miller and Shannon Levin

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public comments are invited on non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Harbor Commission – Speakers must limit comments to 3-minutes. Before speaking, please state your name and address for the record.

ALL TESTIMONY GIVEN BEFORE THE HARBOR COMMISSION IS TAPE RECORDED. SPEAKERS MUST LIMIT REMARKS TO THREE MINUTES ON ALL ITEMS. (Red light signifies when three minutes are up; yellow light signifies that the speaker has one minute left for summation.)

**STUDY SESSION ITEMS**

1. Harbor Commission Purpose and Responsibility

- The Commissioners received a packet explaining their responsibilities. The Commission does have originating jurisdiction on items. She reminded everyone that Harbor Resources does not work for them. The Commission may go to the City Council or City Manager with items they feel are important. Karen feels that commissioners need more visibility with the City Council, not just with each persons Councilman. Ralph will attend the next City Council Meeting and present the new harbor Guide as a public comment.

2. Committee Assignments and Update Task List for 2009-10

- The task list was reviewed and updated and committee members assigned. The revised list will be distributed out at a later date. The Commission asked that Chris advise them as to what Harbor Resources can accomplish and what committees need to be formed.

4. New and Old Business

- Doug West, the editor of the Complete Cruising Guide to Newport Harbor was thanked for completion of the guide. He passed out a list of observations and opportunities he has of our harbor (see attached).
- It was felt that the Harbor Resources Division is buried in the City's website. Chris will look into that.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT: 5:45 pm**

**TO:** Newport Beach Harbor Commission

**FROM:** Doug West,  
Editor, The Complete Cruising Guide to Newport Harbor

**RE:** Cruising Guide Project, Observations & Opportunities

**DATE:** October 14, 2009

1. Completion of the Rhine Channel public dock project will provide access to Lido Village and Cannery Village, two areas which are now virtually inaccessible to visiting cruisers. This will achieve a major improvement in our Harbor's "welcoming index".
2. Mariner's Mile is another area not accessible to visiting boaters except for Dock & Dines at Villa Nova and the Bay Club.
3. The rental rates for moorings and public docks administered by the Harbormaster's office are not published and credit cards are not accepted in payment. The Harbormaster's office should be encouraged to establish and publish the rates, while adding a credit card payment option.
4. Our harbor has only 5 public guest slips, administered by the Harbormaster's office. These slips (maintained by the Parks Department) are dilapidated and certainly not welcoming. Five public guest slips in one of the largest yacht harbors in the U.S. is far less than adequate. We need more public guest slips (or perhaps more private marina slips, dedicated to short term availability.) The existing public guest slips are in urgent need of repair.
5. The Harbormaster's rule at the C-1 Lido anchorage is that boats may not be left unattended for any period, at any time. Except in heavy weather, C-1 is a very secure anchorage. The rule is inconsistent with the rule at the Big Corona anchorage which allows 3 hour shore excursions. The C-1 rule should be changed to allow all visiting cruisers to go ashore for specified periods in good weather.