



Our mission: To assure the public is served with clean, safe, well managed, financially sound and environmentally pleasant marinas.

In an effort to keep the community informed about the goings on at the San Mateo County Harbor District, I'll be sending out an informal e-mail on a somewhat regular basis (no deadlines or promises!). I'll try to keep it relevant, may use it to convey important or timely information, but also want to make it something you want to read. If you want me to address anything in particular, just send me an e-mail. Feel free to forward this, to send me e-mail addresses to add to the list, or to ask to be saved from one more e-mail in the in box!

I really need to do these more frequently!

Districted elections: we continue with the process toward districted elections, which will be implemented for the 2020 and 2022 elections; the 2018 election will still be 'at large'. We've had five public meetings so far, including a presentation to the Board of Commissioners last week. There will be another public workshop this evening, at 6:30 here at the District office, 504 Ave. Alhambra, El Granada. This will allow the public another opportunity to weigh in on the draft maps that have been prepared to date.

Then there will be a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners to review maps on September 5, again, at the District office, at 7:00. Maps to be reviewed at this meeting will be available at least a week prior. All the maps, videos of previous meetings and an opportunity for input, are available on our website at

<https://www.smharbor.com/districted-elections>

Fish and Fleet coming up: Save the date for Sunday September 16 – always a grand event.



Check [here](#) for info and dates for other upcoming events at Pillar Point Harbor, and [here](#) for Oyster Point Marina.

If you're out on the water and see a funny looking orange thing floating around...it's a saildrone, launched by NOAA for ocean research; see [here](#) for more information. Here's what they look like in the water (image courtesy of Tom Mattusch)



Our Board packages are always available on our website, <https://www.smharbor.com/harbor-board-of-commissioners> and sometimes make interesting reading!

Last week, there was a brief mention in the Director of Operations 'Activity Report' of a joint training that our Harbor Department participated in, along with many other agencies, including USCG, FBI, DHS, TSA, many local public safety agencies and United Airlines, so we can all act appropriately and cooperatively should we ever need to respond to a major incident on the Bay and originating at SFO. So proud of our team!



Some of you may know John Draper. John is a Coastside resident and retired last month after 34 years with the District. We will certainly miss him, as he ~~was~~ is a fount of knowledge about the Harbor.

Best wishes to John in his future endeavors / next phase.



Commissioner Robert Bernardo, President Virginia Chang Kiraly, John Draper and Commissioner Tom Mattusch.

Can't finish this without at least a nod to Aretha Franklin who died last week. I couldn't find a song with a marine 'hook', so instead, here she is - with the Blues Brothers in a minor role:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vet6AHmq3_s

"What can we ever hope to do with the western coast, a coast of three thousand miles, rock-bound, cheerless, uninviting, and not a harbor on it? What use have we for this country?... Mr. President, I will never vote one cent from the public treasury to place the Pacific coast one inch nearer to Boston than it is now." Daniel Webster (1782-1852)...and may be folklore

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