

Resolution No. 17-10

Amendment to San Mateo County Harbor District Ordinance Section 3.30.140, requiring an oil absorbent pad to be installed in the bilge of all vessels operating in District controlled waters.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Section 6070, the San Mateo County Harbor District (District) may pass all necessary ordinance for the regulation of the District; and

WHEREAS, the District has always had as a top priority limiting the discharge from vessels of contaminants into District waters; and

WHEREAS, to further protect District waters consistent with its authority under the Harbors and Navigation Code, the General Manager recommends that Ordinance 3.30.140 be revised to increase environmental protections and clarify the requirement that all persons operating vessels in District waters take appropriate measures to safeguard and prevent unwanted discharges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Mateo County Harbor District Board of Harbor Commissioners amends Ordinance 3.30.140 to replace subparagraph (D) such it so that it reads in its entirety as follows:

(D) "No person shall dump or discharge any oil, spirits, flammable liquids or contaminated bilge water into the waters of the District. All vessels berthed, moored or operating in the waters of the District must have a BIO-SOK, or a generic equivalent oil absorb pad/pillow, installed in its bilge in order to prevent oil or fuel from being pumped overboard. Dispersing agents or emulsifying soaps may not be used, as they cause oil to sink and are worse for the environment than if the oil had been left alone. Vessel operators are responsible for inspecting the condition of the bilge prior to the activation of a bilge pump. Proper precautions must be taken when performing mechanical work on any vessel. Used engine oil, oil filters and oil absorbent materials must be taken to the oil recycling center. Oil, oil filters or used oil absorbent materials cannot be disposed of by dumping them either on the ground, in a dumpster, into a drain or overboard. Vessel owners are responsible for their contractors and any failure of their contractors to comply

Passed and adopted this 21st day of June 2017 at a regular meeting of the San Mateo County Harbor District Board of Harbor Commissioners by a recorded vote as follows:

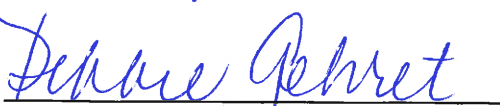
For: Bernardo, Brennan, Chang Kiraly, Larenas, Mattusch

Against: None

Absent: None

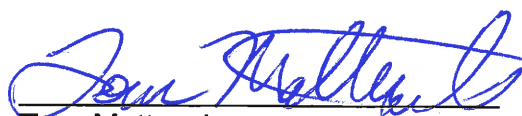
Abstaining: None

Attested



Debbie Gehret
Deputy Secretary

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Tom Mattusch
President