



Ocean Science and Research Center Ad Hoc Committee Report

TO: Board of Harbor Commissioners

FROM: Commissioner Kathryn Slater-Carter
Commissioner George Domurat

DATE: January 15, 2025

SUBJECT: Ocean Science Center Ad Hoc Committee Report

December 13, 2024 Meeting Summary: The Ocean Science Center Ad Hoc Committee met at the District office. Commissioner Domurat was present, Commissioner Slater-Carter was absent. Staff support was provided by Rachele Modena.

The Committee met with the [Sailing Science Center](#). Jame Hancock, President and Founder and Joe Rockmore, Member. The purpose of the meeting was to establish a relationship between the two groups, as the work of the two could be very complimentary as the Ocean Science Center develops. The mission of the Sailing Science Center is “to inspire a passion for sailing and science by delighting people through discovery and play.”

December 14, 2024: The Ocean Science Center hosted a community outreach booth at the Lighted Boat Festival at Pillar Point Harbor. Commissioner Domurat hosted the table and engaged with over 100 members of the public to share the vision of the Ocean Science Research and Education Center and to promote the public survey that is currently open to assess the need and public interest.

Public Survey Update: The Ocean Science Center public survey to assess interest and need currently has 243 responses. The survey will remain open for public input through the of January 2025. Preliminary results of the survey are anticipated to be presented at the February 19, 2025 Harbor Board of Commissioners meeting

Mission Statement: To increase ocean science focused research and educational opportunities at the San Mateo County Harbor District.

Goals: Identify potential educational, governmental, community, and philanthropic partners. Narrow down scope to identify immediate actions and opportunities that can be implemented. Develop a long-term plan for expansion and sustainability.

Next Meeting: TBD