

RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. No vessel shall operate in excess of 5 MPH or produce a wake after entering the harbor jetties.
2. Discharge of sewage or contaminant substances of any kind into the bay is prohibited and strictly enforced. Use of detergents or emulsifiers on fuel or oil spills is illegal.
3. SCUBA or free-diving is only allowed outside of the marked channel. The Harbor Department highly recommends divers remain within 100 ft. of an approved dive flag at all times.
4. No person shall operate any vessel or similar device while intoxicated and/or in a reckless or negligent manner.
5. All vessels shall be currently registered and carry the specified safety equipment in accordance with California Boating Law.
6. While kayaking/boating stay a safe distance away from marine mammals and do not disturb otters and migratory birds.

DOCKAGE, FEES & PAYMENT:

No vessel shall tie up at any City facility without prior permission from the Harbor Department. A dockage card must be filled out and signed for all vessels using City facilities.

The Harbor office is open 8 am to 5 pm daily. Credit card payments are accepted in the office, online at <https://pay.paygov.us> and via phone (805) 772-6254.

All fees are due in advance and based on the length of the vessel or length of the slip, whichever is greater, with a 36-foot minimum. (Prices are subject to change):

◆ North & South T-Piers:

\$0.50 per foot, per day
Electricity \$3.51 per day

◆ Transient City Slips:

Daily Rate: \$1.10 ft for Commercial Fishing Vessel; \$1.70 ft for Recreational Vessel

Monthly Rate: \$12.50 ft for Commercial Fishing Vessel; \$15.50 ft for Recreational Vessel

◆ Guest Mooring (30 day limit):

\$0.45 per foot, per day

◆ City Anchorage Area (30 day limit):

First 5 days free, then \$0.40 per foot, per day

City of MORRO BAY



Harbor Department User Guide

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1275 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA 93442
Phone: (805)772-6254 Fax: (805)772-6258
www.morrobayca.gov
VHF Marine Channel 12 & 16



WELCOME....

The Morro Bay Harbor Department is a division of the City of Morro Bay. The Harbor Department provides assistance to all boaters and visitors to the Harbor. The Harbor Patrol monitors VHF Channel 16 and operates on VHF Channel 12 from 6am-7pm. The office phone number is (805)772-6254. The Coast Guard Station Morro Bay maintains a 24 hour watch and also monitors VHF Channel 16. The Coast Guard phone number is (805)772-2167. We encourage feedback from all visitors and users of the Morro Bay Harbor.

For emergency assistance call:
911 or VHF Channel 16

SAFE BOATING HINTS FOR MORRO BAY

- ◆ The Morro Bay Harbor entrance can, at times, be one of the roughest on the West Coast. Please do not become a statistic.
- ◆ Always check local marine forecasts and tide tables before operating your vessel.
- ◆ Never transit the harbor mouth if large waves are standing up or breaking in the channel.
- ◆ Fog may be encountered in the area at any time. Never leave the harbor without knowledge of how to use a compass, charts and electronic aids to navigation.
- ◆ Check all safety equipment before starting on any trip.
- ◆ Always carry suitable anchor gear in case of engine failure.
- ◆ Always carry either a functioning VHF marine radio or cellular phone with adequate coverage in the area to call for assistance should an emergency arise.



HARBOR HISTORY

Often called "the Jewel of the Central Coast," Morro Bay is a close-knit community known for its vibrant fishing industry and unique natural beauty.

The guardian to the entrance of the Harbor, Morro Rock, has been a landmark and navigational guide for hundreds of years. Chumash Native Americans were the first to cultivate the land and sea near the Rock and its seven volcanic sister peaks.

The town of Morro Bay grew around the turn of the century as schooners arrived in the harbor for trade. Over the years strong fisheries developed in shark, salmon, albacore and abalone. Initially boats entered the harbor on both the north and south sides of Morro Rock. But the area was known to be dangerous because of high surf, surging tides, erratic winds and shifting channels.

Morro Bay was jolted by blasts in 1933 as a man-made causeway was built closing the north entrance and connecting the Rock with the mainland. The south channel was dredged and a breakwater protecting the entrance was constructed during World War II by the Army Corps of Engineers. The current Embarcadero area was formed from the dredged material.

In 1995 Morro Bay was federally designated as a National Estuary and the National Estuary Program was formed to work towards enhancing and maintaining the estuary's vital habitat.

The City maintains and operates North & South T-Piers (shown on map) for transient vessels. A City anchorage area is also available to transient vessels. In addition, the City maintains slips and moorings for home-ported vessels. Occasionally these slips and moorings are available for transient use. Use of the City Launch Ramp at Tidelands Park is free. Most other facilities in the Harbor are operated privately. Always obtain permission before docking your vessel at any facility in the Harbor.

SLIPS, MOORINGS & DOCKS

State Park Marina: State Park Road,
(805)772-7472 Slips, 1/4 mile SE of #20.

Bay Front Marina: 201 Main Street,
(805)440-3996 Slips, NE of #18.

Morro Bay Landing: 1215 Embarcadero,
(805)701-5702 Slips, E of #10

Morro Bay Marina: 261 Main Street,
(805)772-0135 Slips, N of #18.

Morro Bay Yacht Club: 541 Embarcadero,
(805)772-3981 **Official host for transient vessels.** Side tie guest dock, moorings and showers, E of #14.

Marina Square: Subsea Tours
699 Embarcadero, (805)772-9463 Moorings to 50' and slips to 35', NE of #12.

LOCAL WEATHER

National Weather Service: (805)988-6610

Diablo Canyon Weather: (805)545-3768

Morro Bay Radio: AM 1620 & FM 97.3

Internet: www.wrh.noaa.gov

CITY OPERATED FACILITIES

North & South T-Piers: E of #10 & #8

Public Launch Ramp: NE of #18

No fee for launching. There is a fee for boat trailer parking, \$10 day or \$175.00 for calendar year. Pay at the parking kiosk and place the permit in your windshield where it is clearly visible. 72 hour parking limit enforced. No camping allowed.

Street End Docks: East between #10 and #14 **3 hour tie-up limit enforced.**

Anchorage Area: West between #10 & #12

Tidelands Park Side Tie Dock: NE of #16
3 hour tie-up limit enforced.

Vessel Rinse Down: Located at the north end of the Launch Ramp parking lot across from Tidelands Park (coin-operated by quarters only).

This is a fresh water rinse only: No solvents, cleaners, soap or detergents of any kind can be used.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Morro Bay Visitor Center:
(805)225-1633
www.morrobay.org

VESSEL HAUL OUT & STORAGE

Morro Bay Boatyard:
(805)772-0135
Sling hoist haul out, NE of #18.

Morro Bay Boat & Trailer Storage:
(805)772-6254

Port San Luis Boatyard:
(805)595-7895
Storage and haul out.

Frank Smith Properties:
(805)772-2297
1556 Main Street - dry boat and RV storage.

MARINE SALES & SERVICE

Jerry's Marine & Tackle:
(805)835-5414, 1158 Scott St (front door on Market St), Marine Supply, tackle and charts.

Depth Perceptions:
(805)595-3631 Scuba diving services

FUEL SERVICE

Central Coast Fuel & Ice:
(805)772-1280 or (805)772-1276 (NE of #10)
1001 Front Street, Diesel & Gas.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Morro Bay Transit and Trolley:
(805)772-2744 www.morrobayca.gov/transit

San Luis Regional Ride-Share:
(805)541-CARS Transportation information outside City limits.

Regional Transit Authority:
(805)541-2228

Enterprise Car Rental Shuttle:
(805)545-9111

Beach Wheelchair:
(805)772-6254

MARINE SANITATION INFORMATION

FREE PUBLIC PUMP-OUT STATIONS:

Tidelands Park (E of #16)
South T-Pier (E of #10)
Morro Bay Yacht Club (E of #14)



NO DISCHARGE IS ALLOWED IN MORRO BAY.

PUBLIC SHOWER FACILITIES:

Enclosed public showers are available at the North T-Pier and outside showers at Morro Rock. Showers are coin-operated by quarters only.

FREE Waste Oil Disposal:

The Harbor Department's **Used Oil Collection Recycling Center** located at 1196 Front Street has facilities for disposal of used oil, oil filters, and diapers. The South T-Pier houses an oil/water separator for oily bilge water. Contact Harbor Patrol via VHF radio Channel 12 or at (805)772-6254 for your disposal needs.

It is unlawful to discharge oil into or upon the navigable waters of California.

