

## 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 TIE-UP WITHOUT CITY PERMISSION:

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

### FEES ARE DUE IN ADVANCE:

The Harbor office is open 6 am to 7 pm daily. Credit card payments are accepted in the office, online and via phone.

**Dockage fees - 36 foot minimum charge (Prices are subject to change):**

- ◆ **North & South T-Piers:**  
\$0.30 per foot, per day  
Electricity \$2.85 per day
- ◆ **City Slips:**  
\$1.00 per foot, per day  
\$10.00 per foot per month sublease rate
- ◆ **Guest Mooring:**  
\$0.30 per foot, per day (30 day limit)
- ◆ **City Anchorage Area:**  
First 5 days free, then \$0.25 per foot, per (30 day limit)

# City of MORRO BAY



## Harbor Department User Guide

FY 18/19

1275 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, CA 93442  
Phone: (805)772-6254 Fax: (805)772-6258

[www.morrobayca.gov](http://www.morrobayca.gov)

VHF Marine Channel 12 & 16



## WELCOME....

The Morro Bay Harbor Department is part 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 Morro Bay Coast Guard 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 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:** 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](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov)  
[www.Surflife.com](http://www.Surflife.com)

## 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 parking vehicles towing trailers, \$5 day. Pay at the parking kiosk and place the permit in your windshield where it is clearly visible. 72 hour parking limit enforced. "No camping"

**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).

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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce:**  
(805)772-4467 or (800)231-0592.  
[www.morrobay.org](http://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

## 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 Diving

## 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](http://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:

Public showers are available at the North T-Pier (E of #8) and at Tidelands Park restroom (E of #16). Showers are coin-operated and take quarters.

### 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 us 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.**

