Dear Newport Harbor Visitors,

On behalf of the City of Newport Beach, welcome to our harbor. I am pleased to present this Cruising Guide as one of our efforts to help you enjoy a safe and memorable visit. This Guide with its many links to the web gives you the local knowledge you’ll need from the moment you arrive in Newport Harbor, including mooring, anchorage and docking as well as marine services, dining and local attractions when you come ashore.

As the homeport of more than 10,000 recreational vessels, Newport Harbor is among the largest yacht harbors in the United States. The energy of year-round sailing and boating engages people of all ages and brings a special vitality to our beautiful city by the sea. Newport Harbor has it all – surrey topped electric boats, fishing boats striking out for Catalina, kids in their Sabots, summer beer can races, yachts of the rich & famous, boats of the not so rich or famous, rowing teams, Transpac competitors, international yacht races – just lots and lots of people messing about in boats.

Each year we welcome thousands of visiting boaters from up and down the California coast as well as blue water cruisers from around the world. We’re glad you have chosen Newport Harbor as your destination for a day, a weekend or an even longer stay. During your visit please do your part in helping us in everything we do to keep Newport both a safe harbor and a “green” harbor.

Nancy Gardner
Mayor, City of Newport Beach
Greetings from the Harbormaster

It’s my pleasure to welcome all visiting boaters to Newport Harbor.

The men and women of the Orange County Sheriff's Department are committed to their mission of providing a safe environment to residents and visitors alike. It is in this spirit that the deputies assigned to Newport Harbor work every day to protect and serve all that use this fine harbor and inshore coastal waters. Should you encounter any type of emergency while you are here, you may telephone 911 or hail Newport Harbor Patrol on VHF Channel 16 anytime, day or night.

Harbor Patrol Headquarters is located to starboard just as the entrance broadens into the main channel, immediately north of the U.S. Coast Guard Station. Visitors seeking public mooring rentals or the use of one of our five 40 foot public docks are requested to come to our visitors dock to make those arrangements with our staff. Payment can be made by cash, check, or credit card. Those seeking accommodations with private marinas and reciprocating yacht clubs should make those inquiries directly using the contact information in this guide. We also have an Anchorage that is free to use for up to five days in any thirty day period. We ask that you check in with us prior so we can provide you with the rules and regulations associated with its use.

The Environmental Protection Agency has designated Newport Harbor as a No Discharge Harbor. Accordingly, vessels with sanitation devices connected to a thru-hull fitting must have a shut-off valve in place to prevent overboard discharge. Mariners who rent moorings and/or slips from us will be required to submit to a dye-tab inspection as a condition of rental, and boaters utilizing our anchorage may be asked to submit to one as well. Ten holding tank pump-out stations are located throughout the harbor as shown in this guide. Two mobile pump-out services are also available.

Finally, in the interest of everyone’s safety, please be certain to observe our harbor’s No Wake rule and 5 mph maximum speed limit throughout the entire harbor.

If you require further information or non-emergency assistance please feel free to contact our office at 949.723.1002. We are glad to be of service and, again, welcome to Newport Harbor.

Lt. Tom Slayton
Harbormaster
Newport Harbor Entrance

The bell buoy marking the harbor’s only entrance is at 33 35.06’N, 117 52.69’W. The broad entrance channel is formed by two jetties, marked with lights flashing green (6 sec) on the west jetty, and flashing red (4 sec) on the east jetty. On your approach you will see the Corona Del Mar State Beach immediately outside the east jetty and you may see boats in the anchorage area located off the beach. During lobster season (October to March) avoid the fields of lobster pots flanking the entrance by shaping your course close to the bell buoy and, from there, directly to the center of the entrance channel.

Although broad and well marked, there is often heavy vessel traffic in the entrance channel so proceed with care, particularly noticing the bait barge anchored close inside the east jetty, April through November. Enforcement of the harbor’s No Wake rule and 5 mph speed limit begins at the harbor entrance and extends throughout the harbor.

Harbor Overview

As the entrance channel broadens into the harbor, the main harbor channel makes a dogleg to port at the Corona Del Mar Bend with the U.S. Coast Guard station and Harbor Patrol headquarters immediately to starboard. The main channel runs the length of the harbor, down the inside of the Balboa Peninsula and among the seven harbor islands that make up several residential communities and villages of Newport Beach, the largest being Balboa Island and Lido Isle. Minimum depth within the center half of the entrance channel is approximately 20 feet; controlling depth on the outside of the channel is approximately 8 feet. Depths in the main channel are generally good, but some spots along Lido Isle are as little as 9 feet. Boats drawing more than 6 feet should pay special attention to the tide and watch depths continuously when not in the main channel.

As you proceed down the main channel with Balboa Island to starboard and Balboa Peninsula to port, watch for the Balboa car ferry crossing between the island and the peninsula. During busy times there are as many as three ferries in operation across this short but well traveled route.

As the main channel continues beyond Balboa Island, the harbor opens up into a large bay with Lido Isle now just ahead to port and the entrance to the Back Bay to starboard via the channel running under the Coast Highway bridge, the boundary
peninsula lie several mooring fields and the entrance to Rhine Channel with its access to Cannery Village, Lido Village and Lido Peninsula.

The chart presents a good overview of the harbor and its services. But because the lower portion of Newport Harbor itself is more than 3 miles in length and extends well beyond into the Back Bay, it’s useful to think of the harbor in sections. This Guide describes those sections. Corona Del Mar, Balboa Island, the reach of Balboa Peninsula, and the Back Bay are one section. Lido Isle, Mariners’ Mile and upper Balboa Peninsula is the other. The following sections of this Guide group the harbor areas in this way, with greater detail of services, dining, entertainment and other attractions ashore.

The **Back Bay**

Most of Upper Newport Bay ("Back Bay") is maintained as a nature preserve and ecological reserve. Except for the Newport Dunes Resort and Marina, just inside the Coast Highway bridge, the area is undeveloped and remains one of the largest coastal wetlands in Southern California. Beyond the Newport Aquatic Center the Back Bay is not navigable. The harbor’s only public launch ramp is located at Newport Dunes.

of the lower and upper (Back Bay) portions of the harbor. The Back Bay is a world apart, as explained in the next section.

The main channel continues along the Lido Isle Reach with the Coast Highway Mariners Mile commercial area to starboard. The channel terminates in another broad bay or turning basin, at the west end of Lido Isle. Hard to port in the turning basin is the Lido Isle bridge, which joins the island (entirely residential) and Lido’s commercial center, Lido Village. Along the backside of Lido between the island and the Balboa...
Securing a Mooring, Anchorage or Slip

Most visiting cruisers choose a public mooring or anchorage as these options are usually the most available.

Moorings

Moorings are administered by the Harbor Patrol and are offered on a first come first served basis. Moorings may not be reserved in advance, but as you approach the harbor call the Harbormaster’s office to check availability. Stop at the Harbormaster’s visitors dock just beyond the end of the entrance channel to make those arrangements. Bring your vessel documentation or registration information and photo ID.

Vessels may be boarded and inspected to ensure that the marine sanitation device is properly functioning.

May-October
$25 per night
November- April
$15 per night

Pay by cash, check, or credit card.

Most of the moorings in the harbor are bow and stern tie downs and may or may not be equipped with the tackle necessary to secure your boat. Be prepared to rig your own lines to the mooring cans. There are seven single point moorings located just inside the harbor entrance at Carnation Cove. These offer the deepest mooring draft in the harbor, about 10 feet at lowest tide.

Anchorage

The only harbor anchorage is located off the east end of Lido Isle. It is well marked by four yellow buoys and offers a minimum depth of approximately 7 feet with good holding in mud. Most boats swing on one anchor here so position yourself carefully with neighboring boats and be careful not to swing outside the marked boundaries. The time limit is 5 days and boats may not be left unattended in this area. The anchorage is free of charge. Notify Harbor Patrol upon anchorage.

A second location where anchoring is allowed is just outside the harbor entrance off Corona Del Mar Beach, immediately outside the East Jetty. Anchorage in this area is subject to the following rules. Failure to follow these rules may result in your vessel being impounded.

* 72 hour maximum stay
* Continuous occupancy from dusk to dawn
* Continuous occupancy during any Small Craft or greater advisory
* A single 3 hour shore excursion daily is allowed

Depths range from 20 to 30 feet with fair holding in sand and rock. This scenic anchorage is pleasant in good conditions but can put you on a dangerous lee shore when the weather blows up. Stay well clear of the marked swimming area.
Docks & Slips

There are three possible routes to securing guest dock space or a slip in Newport Harbor.

Public Slips For vessels up to 40 feet LOA (strictly enforced) the Harbor Patrol administers 5 guest slips located near their headquarters. These slips may not be reserved in advance, but call ahead to determine rates and availability as these are subject to change.

Private Marinas There are many private marinas in Newport Harbor, but most specialize in long-term slip leases and don’t offer transient dockage. Listed here are several marinas that may have slips available on a short term basis. Call ahead. For more information on private marinas visit newportbeachca.gov/HarborInformation

Yacht Clubs There are the five yacht clubs in Newport Harbor which offer dockage or moorings on a reciprocal privilege basis to members of certain other clubs. Check first with your club to confirm the relationship then call ahead to determine availability and conditions. All except Lido Isle YC also extend reciprocal clubhouse dining privileges.

American Legion Yacht Club Maintains 70’ of guest dock space with 8’ draft for vessels up to 14’ beam.
www.a1291.com  949.673.5070

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club Offers guest slips and complimentary Wi-Fi access for visiting yachtsmen.
www.bcyc.org  949.644.9530

Balboa Yacht Club Offers guest slips and moorings with shore boat service in their nearby mooring field.
www.balboayachtclub.com  949.673.3515

Lido Isle Yacht Club Permits guests to use their dock, subject to availability.
www.lidoisleyachtclub.org  949.673.6170

Newport Harbor Yacht Club has no visitor slips, but maintains several guest moorings with shore boat service.
www.nhyc.org  949.355.7974

Going Ashore

Visitors at anchor or a mooring may go ashore using one of the public docks maintained by the City of Newport Beach at eleven locations throughout the harbor. They are easily identified by the blue and white finial-topped piling at each dock. Time limits are clearly posted at each public pier.

Visitors with reciprocal yacht club privileges may call one of the yacht clubs listed above to check dinghy dock availability. Finally, if you’re going ashore for a meal or refreshments, consider one of the Dock & Dine establishments listed below.

Dock & Dine

There are dozens of great choices for meals ashore around Newport Harbor, from the most casual to fine dining. Listed here are eight on the water places with guest docks. Call ahead for reservations and dock space inquiries.

Balboa Bay Club & Resort Lido Isle Reach, Mariner’s Mile
Duke’s Place $$ L,D  949.645.5000
The First Cabin $$$ B,L,D  949.630.4390
Call BBC Dockmaster for info 949.630.4422

Back Bay Bistro $$ B,L,D
Newport Dunes Resort & Marina  949.729.1144

Blue Water Grill $$ L,D
Rhine Channel, Lido Peninsula  949.675.3474

Harborside Restaurant $$ L,D
Pavilion, Balboa Village  949.673-4633

The Cannery $$ L,D
Rhine Channel, Cannery Village  949.566.0060

The Dock $$ L,D
Rhine Channel, Cannery Village  949.673.3625

Villa Nova $$ D
Turning Basin, Mariner’s Mile  949.642.7880

Woody’s Wharf $$, B,L,D
Balboa Peninsula  949.675.0474
Newport Beach offers a wonderful array of shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities far too numerous to detail in this Guide. Described here and shown on the harbor chart are restaurant and shopping areas, local attractions and entertainment within a short walking distance of marinas, yacht clubs and public docks located in Corona Del Mar, Balboa Island and Balboa Village and the Back Bay.


**Shopping & Restaurants**

**Bayside Center**
200 Marine Ave., Balboa Island

Bayside Center at Bayside Drive and Jamboree Road includes a bank, supermarket, pharmacy, dry cleaner and laundry, an open air coffee shop, and two up-scale restaurants. Located near the Balboa Island bridge.

**Marine Ave**
500 S. Bay Front, Balboa Island

Marine Avenue is Balboa Island’s charming main street with a post office, banks, food market, fashion boutiques, coffee shops, and restaurants ranging from very casual to elegant. And don’t miss the world famous frozen banana stands. Another cluster of shops and a café are along Agate Avenue, near the Balboa Ferry landing.

**Balboa Village**
1000 Bayside Dr.

Balboa Village, on the peninsula, adjacent to the Balboa Ferry landing and the Balboa Pier, is an interesting collection of shops, restaurants, a pharmacy and businesses catering mostly to beachgoers, surfers and Fun Zone visitors. The sportfishing charter fleet, whale watching boats and the Catalina Flyer all berth here. Restaurants, from take out to upscale, are found in the historic Pavilion, the Fun Zone, along Main Street and on the pier. ExplorOcean is located here and bears special mention as a wonderful experience for kids and adults alike.
Markets
Hershey’s Market
200 Marine Ave., Balboa Island
Island Market
500 S. Bay Front, Balboa Island
Pavilions Bayside Center
1000 Bayside Dr.
Promelí’s Market
508 W. Balboa Blvd., Balboa Peninsula
(All offer groceries, deli items, beer, wine & spirits.)
Pearson’s Port
300 E. Coast Highway | 949.675.6771
Tie up alongside this seafood market located on a floating
dock just beyond the Coast Highway bridge as you enter
the Back Bay. Call ahead to confirm hours and catches of
the day. Fresh seafood only.

Laundry
Island Wash Laundromat
Agate Avenue, Balboa Island
Bayside Cleaners
Bayside Center

Local Transportation
Yellow Cab
800.535.2211 | 949.364.7000
Best Limousines & Transportation
www.best-trans.com | 800.827.7411

Attractions and Entertainment
Big Corona & Pirate’s Cove Beaches You pass
these two family friendly beaches as you enter the
harbor. Big Corona faces seaward; Pirate’s Cove (long a
movie and TV location) is in the harbor entrance channel.
Swimming, picnics, tide pools, beach walks, snorkeling
and volleyball. For more information on Tidepools visit
newportbeachca.gov/Tidepools.

Balboa Peninsula Beach & Pier The furthest reaches
of the beautiful five-mile sandy beach that runs the length
of Balboa Peninsula. The Balboa ocean pier is great for
fishing, views of Catalina, surfer watching, sunsets –
and breakfast, lunch or dinner. Balboa Peninsula’s Fun
Zone, a place for kids and adults to engage an interactive
experience with Newport’s nautical heritage and ocean
environment. www.nhnm.org | 949.675.8915

The Wedge The famed bodysurfing spot at the end of
the peninsula at the junction with the harbor’s west jetty.
Fine for spectators; not for novices.

ExplorOcean Formerly known as the Newport Harbor
Nautical Museum located in the Balboa Peninsula’s Fun
Zone, a place for kids and adults to engage an interactive
experience with Newport’s nautical heritage and ocean
environment. www.nhnm.org | 949.675.8915

Day Trips to Catalina The high-speed Catalina Flyer
departs from the Balboa Pavilion each morning for its day-
trip to Avalon. www.catalinainfo.com | 800.830.7744

Upper Newport Bay Nature Preserve Newport’s Back
Bay forms one of the largest coastal wetlands in Southern
California, a birdwatcher’s paradise. An accessible yet remote
environment for kayakers, walkers, bicyclists, and skaters.
Learn more at the Back Bay Science Center.
www.backbaysciencecenter.org | 949.640.9956
Mariner’s Mile, Lido & Upper Balboa Peninsula

Shopping & Restaurants
Two shopping centers are accessible for visitors in this part of the harbor: Via Lido Plaza in Lido Village and The Landing.

Lido Village has restaurants, pharmacy, bank, coffee shops and the delightful 1930’s Art Deco style Lido Theatre.

The Landing has a supermarket, restaurants, bank, coffee shop and more. Nearby Cannery Village is eight square blocks of antique shops, restaurants, coffee shops and several art galleries.

The area around Newport Pier offers many “beachy” eating and drinking establishments, as well as one fine dining oceanview restaurant.

Six Dock & Dine options are located in this area of the harbor. The Cannery, Blue Water Grill and Woody’s Wharf are on the Rhine Channel. The Balboa Bay Club and Villa Nova are on Mariner’s Mile. See complete Dock & Dine information in the Local Knowledge section.

Pavillions
32nd Street & Newport Blvd.
7-Eleven
Balboa Blvd. & 20th St.

Laundry
Kona Cleaners | 949.673.3394
Via Lido Plaza

Local Transportation
Yellow Cab
800.535-2211 | 949.364-7000
Best Limousines & Transportation
www.best-trans.com | 800.827.7411

Attractions & Entertainment

Newport Pier and Beach Not to be confused with Newport’s other ocean pier, Balboa Pier, located farther out on the peninsula. The two piers share the same great beach and they’re connected by a paved walking/bike path that runs the length of the peninsula. Lots of walkers, strollers, joggers, bikes, Segways and rollerblades.

Dory Fishing Fleet and Market Located next to the Newport Pier, this hardy group of dory fisherman maintain their fishing operations and daily open air fish market which dates back to 1891.
www.doryfleet.com

Lido Theatre on Via Lido at Newport Blvd., this fully-restored Art Deco showpiece features a broad range of independent films. True to its Newport roots, it has become the surf film capital of Southern California.
www.regencymovies.com | 949.673.8350
Reference NOAA Chart 18754
Fuel, Water & Ice
Fuel, water, and ice are available at either of the fuel docks, both located near the Balboa Ferry crossing. Each also offers an assortment of mini-mart food and beverage items.

**Island Marine** (Balboa Island) 949.673.1103
**Hill's Boat Service** (Balboa Peninsula) Ch17 949.675.0740

Pump-Out Facilities
Heed the Harbormaster – Remember that Newport Harbor is designated a No Discharge Harbor by the Environmental Protection Agency. Accordingly, vessels with sanitation devices connected to a thru-hull fitting must have a shut-off valve in place to prevent overboard discharge. Ten holding tank pump-out stations are located throughout the harbor as shown on the chart in this Guide and two mobile pump-out services are available.

**HOW TO OPERATE:**
1. Uncoil the entire hose
2. Remove discharge cover from tank
3. Connect hose
4. Turn on suction pump
5. Pump holding tank
6. When complete, turn off switch,
7. Recoil Hose and Replace

**Mobile Pump Out**
**Royal Flush Pumping** (CDM Anchorage & Harbor) 888.656.2551
**Mobile Harbor Services** (Harbor only) 949.515.8658

Public Piers
There are 11 public piers and dinghy docks located on the harbor chart in this Guide. Look for the blue and white finial topped pilings that mark each dock.

Public Launch Ramp
The harbor’s only public launch ramp is located at Newport Dunes in the Back Bay.

Vessel Assistance & Towing Services
**SeaTow** Ch 16 888.473.2869
**Boat U.S./Vessel Assist** Ch 16 800.391.4869

Boat Yards
**Balboa Boat Yard**
2414 Newport Blvd
www.balboaboatyard.com 949.673.6834

**Basin Marine Shipyard**
829 Harbor Island Drive
www.basinmarine.brilogy.com 949.673.0360

**Bellport Newport Harbor Shipyard**
151 Shipyard Way
www.newportharborshipyard.com 949.723.6800

**Larson’s Shipyard**
2703 W. Coast Highway
www.larsonsshipyard.com 949.650.2688

**Schock Boats**
2900 Lafayette Rd
www.schockboats.com 949.673.2050

**South Coast Shipyard**
223 21ST St
www.southcoastshipyard.com 949.675.2837

Marine Hardware
**Basin Marine Store**
829 Harbor Island Drive 949.673.3533

**Lido Marine** (Newport Harbor Shipyard)
151 Shipyard Way, Lido Peninsula 949.673.9496

**Minney’s Yacht Surplus**
(A warehouse of new & used items from stem to stem)
1500 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa 949.548.4192

**West Marine** (2 locations)
**Bayside Drive & Coast Highway** 949.673.0028
(The “little” one; the big one is one mile west.)

**West Marine**
900 W. Coast Highway 949.645.1711

Marine Services
Newport Harbor Directory

**Emergency Services**
Call 911 or Orange County Sheriff’s Harbor Patrol for emergency response in Newport Harbor or inshore along the OC coast.

**Harbor Patrol**       CH 16
949.723.1000

**Hoag Hospital**
949.764.4624

**City of Newport Beach Lifeguards**
949.644.3047

Contact the U.S. Coast Guard- Long Beach for off shore emergency response.

**U.S. Coast Guard**       CH 16
310.833.1600

**Harbor Services**
Non emergency contact for public slips, moorings and anchorage inquiries.

**Harbormaster**       CH 16
949.723.1002